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REGISTER, 1879-1882

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INTRODUCTION

On the 59 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced the letters received by the National Board of Health, 1879-84, and a register of these letters covering the period April 1879-November 1882.

The National Board of Health was established by an act of March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. 484). This legislation, passed under the impetus of a severe yellow fever epidemic in the Mississippi Valley in 1878, incorporated proposals by public health and sanitation officials for a centralized, coordinated national health service. Subsequent legislation outlined the Board's functions, the most important of which was that of administering quarantine procedures affecting vessels entering ports in the United States.

The Board was authorized to draw up and publish regulations governing sanitary conditions and quarantine for vessels at foreign ports of departure and U.S. ports of entry. To aid in enforcing these regulations, it was required to investigate and to gather information on sanitary conditions within the United States and in domestic and foreign ports and to disseminate this information in published weekly reports. The Board was also to cooperate with and act as an adviser to officials of the Federal Government and State and local boards of health on public health matters.

The law establishing the National Board of Health expired by limitation on June 1, 1883, and no reenactment legislation was passed. The quarantine functions of the Board were transferred to the Marine Hospital Service. Small annual appropriations enabled the Board to carry on its investigatory and advisory functions until July 1886, when Congress failed to renew the appropriation and the Board went out of existence. The Quarantine Act of Febrary 15, 1893 (27 Stat. 449), repealed the act of March 3, 1879, that had established the Board.

The National Board of Health consisted of seven members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board was organized into various committees, each to perform a distinct function. The Executive Committee consisted of five members, including the President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Board. It met almost daily to conduct the routine business of the Board and acted in the name of the Board between Board sessions. Seven standing committees, each composed of three members appointed by the President of the Board (with the exception of the Committee on Epidemics and Contagious Diseases, which consisted of five members), concerned themselves with the following subjects:

rules and interpretations of the constituting act and bylaws; finance and accounts; epidemics and contagious diseases; adulteration and deterioration of food and drugs; registration and vital statistics; State, municipal, and local sanitary legislation; and diseases of domestic animals. Other Board committees, active during the period 1882-83, were the Committee on Quarantine-Legislation, which reviewed State, national, and international legislation; the Standing Committee on Scientific Investigations; and the Committee on Sanitary Inspection of Immigrants. Each committee conducted much of its work by correspondence.

Letters received by the Board were listed in the register numerically in the order of their receipt. They were then sorted into subject classifications by its clerical staff and directed to the appropriate committees. In addition to the registration number, the register, which is contained in three volumes, includes for each letter received the name and address of the sender, a brief description of the contents, the date it was mailed, and the date it was received by the Board. Under the heading "Action," the register also shows the subject classification for many of the entries. The letters received in 1879 are numbered from 1 through 4207. A new sequence of numbers, 1-12570, began on January 2, 1880, and ended on November 13, 1882. As some of the letters have numbers greater than those appearing in the register, it is probable that there was a later register volume, which is not part of the National Archives of the United States.

For each communication received, a clerk of the Board prepared a cover sheet showing the information given in the register. As the correspondence was badly disarranged when it was received by the National Archives and Records Service, care was taken to reconstitute the correspondence and to match it with the cover sheets. In many instances, only the cover sheet, or the correspondence, or parts of the correspondence were found. In these instances, the remainder of the file must be presumed lost.

The material in this microfilm publication is arranged alphabetically by the subject classification and thereunder by the number listed in the register. Some modifications, however, have been made in this arrangement. State Reports, except those for Mississippi, Nevada, and Vermont, have been further arranged alphabetically by State (identified by the address of the sender) and thereunder by the number listed in the register. Letters that do not have a subject classification or those designated as "File" have been arranged in numerical sequence and entitled "Undesignated Communications." Correspondence of the Board members has been combined under the subject heading "Board Members" and arranged alphabetically by name of Board member and thereunder by letter number. Similarly, correspondence received from agencies in the executive

branch of the Federal Government has been grouped alphabetically by name of agency under the heading "Government Departments and Offices," with the exception of the Immigrant Inspection Service, Marine Hospital Service (MHS), Mississippi River Inspection Service, New Orleans Ship Island Inspection Service, and the Sapelo Quarantine Station (Doboy, Ga.). Correspondence of MHS has been placed after the Treasury Department segment since MHS was part of the Treasury Department during the existence of the National Board of Health. The categories "Executive Department" and "Executive Mansion," comprising correspondence received from the Office of the President of the United States, have been brought together under the heading "White House." Similarly, the categories "House of Representatives" and "U.S. Senate" have been combined under the heading "Congress."

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State Reports

Texas

NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

No. 492 1/2 "State Reports"

National Board of Health.

Galveston Texas

June 25th 1879

Brown W. R. Quar. Physician

Transmits City ordinances, State laws, and resolutions of the Board of Health regarding quarantine in reply to communication of the 14th inst.

Laws.

Copied.

June 26

National Board of Health.

18

Respectfully referred to

Secretary.

Quarantine Station
Galveston Dep, June 24th 79

Thos. J. Turner M. D.
Secretary S. B. of Health.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 12th inst. at hand. In reply I have the honor to herewith enclose the City Ordinances, sections of State laws and resolutions of our local Board of Health.

Resp very respectfully
W. R. Brown
Quarantine Physician
Galveston Dep.

State Quarantine Law.

Sec 1. Art 4090. (a) It shall be the duty of the quarantine officers of the state or county, or city authorities, as the case may be, to furnish persons detained by them at quarantine station with substance and shelter.

Art 4090 (l) Any person detained at any quarantine station who shall willfully absent himself from such quarantine station without leav of the officer having charge thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less then ten nor more than one thousand dollars by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Abov extract taken from Senate Bill No 312. pas'd. 1879.

Extract from State Law entitled
"An ack to incorporate the City of
Galveston and to grant a new Charter
to said City": Approved Aug 2nd 1875
Title 8. Art. 1. Creates a Board of Health.
Art. 2. Sec 118. The Board of Health shall
have general supervision over the public
health of the city, and for that pur-
pose they are authorized and empowered
to make such rules and regulations, not
in conflict with the ordinances of
the City or laws of this State, as they
may deem best to promote and preserve
the health of the city; to enforce the
observance of its rules and regulations, and
the laws and ordinances of the City
in relation thereto; ××××.
Art 4. Sec 120. The Quarantine Physician
shall have power, by an order in writing
for that purpose, to be served on the
master, captain or person in charge of

any boat, steamboat, steamship or other ship, vessel or craft, that may be suspected to have on board any infected or diseased property or person, to require such boat, steamboat, steamship, vessel or other craft not to enter within the city limits or harbor, or to remove to some certain distance, not less than two miles from the city: and every such master, captain or person in charge, consignee or owner, who shall be served with such an order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable with fine and imprisonment, or either, if such boat, steamboat, steamship, vessel or other craft, shall enter the harbor or city in violation of such order, or shall not be removed according to the tenor of such order, within a reasonable time after the service of such notice.

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Resolution of Board of Health passed
May 12th. 1879.

Resolvd: That all vessels sailing from
or touching at Key West or any other
port en route for this port be prohibited
from bringing either passengers or freight
from any port or place south of 25°
N. Lat.! Any vessel violating this resolution
to be detained in quarantine at this port.
This resolution to take effect from
the 15th. inst.

Resolution of Board of Health passed
April — 1879. Prohibits vessels which have
sailed from or touched at
foreign ports south of 25° N. Lat
since May 1st. entering the city during the
existence of Quarantine.

Office of **The Board of Health,**

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Galveston, Texas, May 20th 1879

By resolution of the Board of Health in session this day May 20th 1879, the following restrictions are imposed upon all vessels desiring to receive cargoes from this port.

Said vessels having sailed from ports south of 25 degrees North latitude since April 30th 1879,

When said vessels require the services of a pilot from this port to bring the vessel across the bar, the Pilot shall after leaving the vessel change completely all the clothing which he has worn on board the vessel, before he attempts to ~~visit~~ enter this City or hold communication with any person from the shore. The vessel shall be anchored within suitable distance of the Quarantine station and not within miles of this City and shall remain in quarantine complying strictly with all orders and directions of the quarantine officer whilst in this port.

The officers and crews of the vessels shall confine themselves closely to the vessel and all intercourse or communication in any way whatever except through the quarantine officer, between the vessels from ports before mentioned and persons from the shore is strictly prohibited and any attempt to violate this prohibition will forfeit the

Office of **The Board of Health,**

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Galveston, Texas, May 20 1879

Sir. Privilege, of the vessel to enter or receive Cargo at this Port.

The vessel shall not discharge any freight or material of any kind whilst in this Port, and shall receive her Cargo in the following manner.

The Cargo shall be loaded on to barges at a suitable place from the Wharf. The barge to be then towed or sailed to Bolivar Channel opposite or convenient to the Quarantine Station. The barge to be then anchored and the vessel which is to receive the Cargo be notified by signal, All persons that have been on the barge or engaged in taking it to the place of anchorage shall leave the barge on its immediate vicinity. The vessel to receive the Cargo shall by her crew be layed alongside the barge and the crew of the vessel shall transfer the Cargo from the barge to the vessel. The officers of the vessel exercising strict care that no person, clothing or material of any kind which had been on board the vessel shall be left on the barge. After transferring the Cargo the vessel shall haul off a suitable distance from the barge and the barge be fumigated and disinfected by the quarantine officer before being returned to this City.

Chas. Kleinschmidt Jr. Sec
Sec Board of Health

QUARANTINE STATION,

Port of Galveston, May 29, 1878.

The attention of Owners, Consignees, Captains or Masters of Vessels, and all others interested in the shipping at this port, is most respectfully called to the following Ordinance, passed by the City Council, April 3d, 1877.

SECTION 1. All vessels arriving within the bay of Galveston are hereby declared to be subject to such quarantine regulations as are herein prescribed.

SECTION 2. The quarantine anchorage shall be abreast of Mesquite Island, and all vessels subject to quarantine shall immediately upon their arrival from sea proceed to and be anchored at the place assigned for quarantine, and shall there remain with their officers, passengers and crew during the time of their quarantine, to be prescribed by the Board of Health, but not in any case to exceed twenty days; provided, that when quarantine shall have been declared by the Governor of the State of Texas, said vessels shall remain at the quarantine anchorage for the term that may be prescribed by the Governor in his proclamation establishing quarantine.

SECTION 3. The quarantine physician, to be appointed by the Board of Health, shall board every vessel subject to quarantine immediately on her arrival, and make strict inquiry into the health of the crew and passengers, and into the state and condition of the vessel and cargo; and in the discharge of his duty he may put all such questions to the persons on board as he shall judge necessary and proper to enable him to ascertain the condition of the vessel and the quarantine to which she ought to be subject; and the persons to whom such questions shall be put shall, if required, answer the same under oath, which the quarantine physician is hereby authorized to administer.

SECTION 4. When the detention prescribed for any vessel has expired, if the quarantine physician shall judge the vessel and cargo free from infection, he shall relieve the vessel from detention; but no vessel shall be allowed to remove from the quarantine ground without a written permit from the quarantine physician.

SECTION 5. No lighter or vessel shall be employed to unload vessels at the quarantine, or to remove any of the passengers or crew therefrom without the permission of the quarantine physician, when they may be subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the quarantine physician; provided, that all mails may be landed at the earliest period deemed safe by the quarantine physician.

SECTION 6. The master or other officer in command, or clerk of every vessel arriving at the quarantine ground, shall make a report in writing to the quarantine physician, of the name, age, and last legal residence of every passenger or hand on board of such vessel; and no such hand or passenger shall be allowed to leave the vessel without the written permission of the quarantine physician.

SECTION 7. The master, owner, or consignee of every vessel subject to quarantine, shall forthwith, upon the requisition of and under the direction of the quarantine physician, cause such vessel, her cargo and clothing, to be purified, and shall cause such vessel to be fumigated, aerated and purified, according to the directions of the Board of Health, when required by the quarantine physician, at the expense of said vessel.

SECTION 8. The quarantine physician, under the directions of the Board of Health, if it be deemed necessary to prevent infection or contagion, may cause any bedding or clothing on board a vessel subject to quarantine, or any portion of her cargo that he may deem infected, to be destroyed.

SECTION 9. Any master of a vessel who shall either give false information relative to the condition of his vessel, crew, passengers or cargo, or refuse to give such information as shall be lawfully required, or who shall land any person from his vessel, or unload or tranship any portion of his cargo, before his vessel shall have been visited or examined by the Quarantine Physician, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for each offense shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECTION 10. Any person who shall willingly or knowingly oppose or obstruct the Quarantine Physician in performing his duties herein required of him, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be fined for each offense not exceeding one hundred dollars, and may be imprisoned for a period not exceeding fifteen days.

SECTION 11. (As amended and passed, November 6th, 1877.) Any master of a vessel subject to quarantine, arriving in the bay from the sea, who shall refuse or neglect either first to proceed with and anchor his vessel at the place assigned for quarantine at the time of his arrival; second, to submit his vessel, cargo and passengers to the examination of the Quarantine Physician, and to furnish all necessary information to enable that officer to determine at what length of quarantine and other regulations they ought respectively to be subject to; third, to remain with his vessel at Quarantine during the period assigned for her detention, and whilst at quarantine to comply with the directions and regulations hereof and with such orders as the Quarantine Physician, by virtue of this article, may give, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars or fifteen days' imprisonment; and every other person obstructing said officer in the discharge of his duty shall be liable to a like penalty.

All drummers, persons running market-boats, and all other persons, are prohibited from going on board of any vessel that arrives in the harbor of Galveston during quarantine season until after the inspection of such vessel by the Quarantine Officer. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

SECTION 12. That the pilots of this port shall notify all vessels coming from ports declared infected by the Quarantine Physician of the existence of the order, and shall bring such vessels to anchor at the quarantine station, or outside the bar, for examination by the Quarantine Physician; and no vessel from any infected port shall be brought to the city by the pilots, or beyond the quarantine station, without permit from the Quarantine Physician, and any violation of this provision by any pilot shall subject such pilot to a fine of one hundred dollars.

SECTION 13. * * * * * * * * * *

SECTION 14. Article I, Chapter XXXIII of the Revised Ordinances is hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. That this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage and due publication.

Passed April 3, 1877.

No. 539.

National Board of Health.

Indianola Texas

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Short Lt. Mayo.

Encloses copy of quar=
=antine regulations of that
port in reply to com-
of the 14th inst.

July 1

National Board of Health.

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Respectfully referred to

Secretary.

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Indianola May 1st 179

Dr. H. H. McCamly

Quarantine Officer

Ft. Pass Caballo

Sir.

You are hereby instructed to board all vessels crossing Pass Caballo Bar and to carefully examine same, Ascertaining whether or not there be any infection or Contagious Disease on board, and if in your opinion there is none, and the Vessel has a clean bill of health, You are hereby directed to let such Vessel pass to the Port Provided she has not sailed from any infected Port. In which case you will order the Commander to anchor at the Neck of the Old Steam Ship Portland, and await signals from shore.

Should you find infection or Contagious Disease aboard the Ship examined, You are hereby directed to enforce strict Quarantine Regulations, and cause the Ship to anchor at the Pass Caballo Bar or go to Sea as her commander may elect

Permitting no one on board
to communicate with the shore

C. H. Short
Mayor

F. C. Rohre
Recorder

No 2

Copy

The following additional restrictions and precautions to be imposed upon Ships engaged in Cattle trade between this port and Havana Cuba, While in port

1st She must anchor at least 3 Miles from Wharf, and communicate by signals alone. With the exception of Customs Officer who in every instance must be an Acclimated person no one else will be allowed to visit the Ships

2nd The Warehouse upon Wharf must always be closed during the reception of Cattle, and no one allowed back of posterior Wall from South east from this aspect. The guard which carries these instructions into effect Must be paid by ships, and must also be acclimated

3rd The crew of Ships must receive Cattle from Cars and abide strictly by 2nd article of these regulations, And as soon as possible the crew must be obtained from Acclimated men. (c) Those who have

had Yellow fever

Indianola Texas. } C. D. Short
May 15th 1879 } Mayor

No 3 Copy

The following additional restrictions are to be imposed upon Ships engaged in the Cattle Trade between this Port and Nauna, or any other foreign Port, while laying alongside the S. Head.

1st That all Cars not engaged in the Cattle trade, Both Boxed and Flat must be removed from the Wharf.

2nd That there be no Vessel of any kind allowed at or near the Wharf at the time any Cattle are shipped on foreign going ships

3rd That there be no person or persons whatever allowed to go South of the East of the Office on the Wharf, during the time the ships engaged in the Cattle trade are loading there, save and except the Custom House Officer

4th That there be no Rail Platter or anything else whatever allowed

to be handed or taken from said
Ships

C. W. Shot
Thayer

Indianola Texas
June 7th 1879

Mayors Office
City of Indianola Texas

Thos. J. Turner Esq
Secty. S. B. of Health
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir

Your favor of June 12th to hand.
I do now enclose you copies of the general and local regulations concerning Quarantine laws at this Port

I remain Sir
Yours Respectfully
C. N. Short
Mayor of Indianola

No. 823

National Board of Health.

Dallas, Tex.

July 14 1879

Carter J. L.
Health Officer

Sends list of practicing physicians + asks for documents on subject of sanitation, rules of Miss. Valley, &c. etc.

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N. BOARD OF HEALTH.

J. L. Carter, M. D.,
HEALTH OFFICER.
Office 407 Main St.,

Dallas, Texas July 14, 1879.

Dr Thos J. Turner,

I send you a list of the Practicing Physicians in this city, that you may send them such papers as may be of service to you in the Census.

F. A. Wilmans	M.D.	J. W Crowdus	M.D.
G. A. Biddle	"	G. Schiff	"
L. Elliott	"	Carl Murray	"
L. W. Mermaud	"	J. H. Gibbs	"
Robt. Duncan	"	S. D. Thruston	"
J. W. Jones	"	H. C. Graham	"
J. L. Carter	" & H.O.	H. B. Walton	"
G. Beaumont	"	R. W. Allen	"
W. S. Lee,	Homeopath	J. V. Childers	"
J. Keller	"	J. M. Pace	"
John H. Morton	M.D.	F. E. Hughes	"
H. K Lake	"	J. S. Carrington	"
J. Morton	"	J. K. McQueen	"

P. S. I would like a copy of blank for weekly report to Surgeon General's office.

L. E. Wilcox M.D.
L. F. Locke "
L. E. Locke "
J. L. Adams "
J. A. Ewing "
M. A. Cornelius "
A. A. Johnson "
P. G. McElroy "

Please be kind enough to send me a copy of the Sanitary rules adopted for the Mississippi Valley, if you have a copy. I wish you could send me some thing on the ~~Some~~ subject of Sanitation, including rules about disinfecting, disinfectants, privy, vaults, sinks, sandboxes - wells cisterns, hydrant water &c. Send me a blank form for weekly reports of deaths &c & will send them to you.

Your obedient servant
L. L. Carter

No. 1080 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco Texas

July 24, 1879

McKee James A.

Gives his theory of

Y. F. & things in general

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Waco Texas

July 24th 1879

To the

President National Board of Health

Washington

NATIONAL BOARD
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OF HEALTH

Sir

I am neither a physician or Scientist but have had considerable experience with and observation of yellow fever and besides have read a good deal promiscuously and thought much on the subject of fever quarantine and the best means of preventing the dissemination of contagion all of which has lead me to the following Conclusions "viz"

That yellow fever is not a product of this country and that its introduction into the United States need not occur provided the General government will inaugurate a thorough and uniform system of Maritime Quarantine That if by purchase it should be introduced that its spread may be prevented as Certainly as that of Small pox and

by the same means- that is isolation
Confine infected localities with
guards and allow no one to go in or
out of sections where the disease prevails
then destroy all fabrics even in remote
connection with patients and resort
to thorough disinfection the best agent
for this will be found to be ~~sulpha-hydrate~~
sulphurated air Any thinking and
Scientific Mechanic can construct
a portable apparatus for this purpose
I write in view of the present emergency
and content myself with only stating
the propositions Yellow fever is dis-
=seminated as is small pox I have
neither time or disposition to argue the
points and trust you will not blame
me intrusion in saying this much

Very Respectfully
James A McKee

M.D.

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No. 1435 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Texas
Dec aug 11, 1879.
Roberts, O. M.
Would like to accede to proposition for uniformity. Have telegraphed H. O. Rutherford to go to Cairo on 15th inst.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED AUG 12 1879

National Board of Health.

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Respectfully referred to .....

Secretary.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 24 NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Austin Tex Aug 11 1879

Received at 9 PM

To Dr J J Turner

Dear Sir

Received your telegram
would like to
accede to your
proposition for uniformity
have telegraphed to
Advison H O Rutherford
to go to Cairo on
the fifteenth inst

O M Roberts
Governor

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 1567 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Tex.

Aug 16, 1879

Roberts O. M. (Govr)

States his desire to adopt Rules - refers to fact that he is by law the health officer of the State - has sent Rutherford as representative to Cairo - Wants Rules sent.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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National Board of Health.

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Respectfully referred to

Secretary.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Austin Texas Aug 16 1879

Received at Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C. 8 30 PM

To Dr Cabell

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH RECEIVED AUG 17 1879 THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Press N B H Washn D.C.

Being made by law the health Officer of the State I desire to adopt regulations of N. B. H. So as to have uniformity in Southern States Have sent advising physician Rutherford to Cairo on the fifteenth inst Like to have regulations sent to me

O. M. Roberts
Governor of Texas

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No. 1676 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Tex

Jul. Aug 20, 1879

Roberts Gov^r O. M.

Wants Bulletin

sent to his address.

NOTED IN
BULLETIN.
DATE Aug. 23d

REFERRED TO
BULLETIN.
DATE.....

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 62 760 NORVIN GREEN, Pres't.

Dated Austin Tex aug 20 1879

Received at Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. 6 Pm

To Dr Turner

Jacy B H Washn

Please have the health Bulletin sent to my address will send pay if necessary

O. M. Roberts Govr of Texas

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

No. ~~1182~~. 1682 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville, Tex.
Aug. 21, 1879.

Larson, Thos.

Please send rules and instructions by mail and the commission for Dr. Coombe to me and I will see that he qualifies upon his return.

Ans'd by telegram No. 349, Aug 23d

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THE MEDICAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES
RECEIVED
AUG 21 1879
BOARD OF HEALTH.

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T. T. BREWER, Sec'y. 3

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Brownsville Tex Aug 21 1879

Received at Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C. 11 34 Am

To President J National Board

J Heath Washn D C

RECEIVED AUG 21 1879 OFFICE TELEGRAPH

Please send Keller's instructions by mail to the Commission for Dr Combe to me and I will see that the Qualifier is upon his return

Thos Carson Mayor

36 mail BR Ck 8

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 1697 "State Reports"

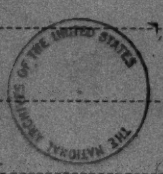
NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston Texas

2d. August 21st, 1879.

Rutherford, R.
S.H.O

"Please send me a copy of resolutions shown me on the way to Milan Tennessee & also forms for application for assistance";



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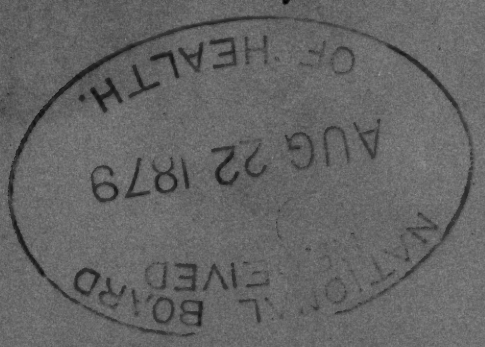

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To Dr J S Billings
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Please Sir Send me a
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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Department of State.

Austin, Aug 21st 1879

Dr J. J. Timmins
Surg. National Board of Health
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I send you by mail today copies of Gov. Roberts Quarantine proclamations, also Quarantine Laws of Texas.

Very Respectfully

Yours

T. H. Bowman

Acting Secy of State

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

1878

Texas.

Quarantine Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

To all to whom these Presents shall come:

Know Ye, That I, O. M. Roberts, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the several Acts of the Legislature of this State, approved June 10th, 1870; August 13th, 1870; May 4th, 1874, and April 10th, 1879; do hereby declare Quarantine on the Coast of Texas, to commence on April 25th, 1879, and continue until suspended by the Governor, and direct the Authorities of every Corporate Town, and in case there are no Corporate Town Authorities, then the County Court of any County on the Coast, to carry out the provisions of the Quarantine Laws of this State.

Said Quarantine to extend to all Vessels sailing from or touching at any Port or Coast South of North latitude 25 Degrees.

I hereby further direct Health Officers of the respective Ports, as soon as they are reliably informed of the existence of infectious or contagious diseases at and other Port, City or Town, not herein specially included, to declare all Vessels arriving from such places, subject to Quarantine and to all the regulations established for the enforcement of the same.

Vessels sailing from or touching at any Port or Coast South of North latitude 25 Degrees, and entering any Port on the Coast of Texas, during the continuance of Quarantine, if free from disease, may be disinfected and released from detention, or detained for a term that will make twenty days from date of departure from said Port or District, at the discretion of the Health Officer.

Vessels upon which contagious or infectious diseases appear, shall be detained for twenty-five days after all disease has disappeared from such Vessel or Vessels, and then allowed to pass.

Health Officers are directed to provide and enforce such regulations as will prevent all communication with Vessels in Quarantine, and also to provide for the thorough disinfection of all

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Vessels on which there has been any contagious or infectious disease before they are allowed to leave Quarantine. All expenses necessary to such disinfection, to be paid by the Vessel.

Quarantine Stations for the enforcement of this Proclamation, are hereby established at Saluria Pass, Aransas Pass, Pass Caballo, Aransas Pass and Brazos Santiago.

The Quarantine Station shall be established, by the proper Health Officer at each of the Passes, as near the outer Bar as possible, having to the safety of Vessels lying at anchor, and commence in boarding same.

The Health Officer at Brazos Santiago shall also inspect and supervise Vessels entering at the mouth of the Rio Grande.

The Health Officer to be appointed by the Corporate Authorities of Galveston, is charged with the enforcement of this Proclamation at Galveston Pass; The one to be appointed at Indianola, for Pass Caballo; The one to be appointed at Corpus Christi, for Aransas Pass or any other Pass which may be made in the vicinity thereof.

The County Authorities on the Rio Grande are authorized and directed, during the continuance of this Quarantine, to establish such regulations as will prevent the importation of disease by land.

I also recommend to the Corporate Authorities of Cities and Towns on the Coast of Texas and other places liable to the invasion of such diseases, that they aid in the adoption and enforcement of such Sanitary Rules and Regulations as will prevent the importation and spread of Yellow Fever or other contagious diseases in the State of Texas.

In Testimony Whereof, I have to sign my name and cause the Seal of State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this 10th. day of April, A. D. 1873.

(signed) O. M. Roberts.
Governor

L. S.

By the Governor:
(signed) John D. Templeton.
Secretary of State.

QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION.

NO. 3.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 1, 1879.

— FREIGHTS. —

THE affidavit of the consignor of any shipment of freights from points outside of the State must accompany the way-bills, stating that such freight has not been in any place infected with yellow fever since July 1, 1879; and affidavit of consignee to the best of his knowledge and belief, must be presented before the delivery of any such freight to him from any railroad, steamboat or other transportation company.

Each car load or part of car load of freight destined for any point in Texas must be accompanied by a way-bill giving its contents entire as well as their destination, and each way-bill must be accompanied by affidavit of consignor or shipper, giving origin of each consignment, and showing that it has not been in any infected district since July 1, 1879 A car accompanied by way-bill or affidavit for only a portion of the freight it may contain will be rejected entire, and will not be allowed to enter the State until requisite documents are produced.

Trains will be stopped at State line, when the above requirements will be exacted by a duly authorized health officer.

— PASSENGERS. —

Any passengers coming from points outside of the State must be provided with a certificate, signed by the county judge, mayor, or health officer of the place from which they have come and where they have been since the first of July, 1879, naming said place or places, and stating that such place or places has or have not been infected with yellow fever or other transferable infectious disease since the first of July, 1879, and sealed with the seal of the city, county, or town.

Persons that have left Memphis, New Orleans, and other places where yellow fever may appear that are quarantined against, since the first of July, 1879, and have gone to some other place or places not infected with yellow fever, and have remained forty days in such uninfected place or places without having had the disease, may be admitted into Texas, upon producing the certificate, under seal of some county judge, mayor of city, or president of board of health, at such uninfected place or places, that he has been at such place or places forty days since the first day of July, 1879, and upon having their baggage properly disinfected at the station on the Texas line. This provision is made in contemplation of the future, as forty days have not yet elapsed.

Transportation companies are requested to ask for the presentation of these certificates before parties enter cars destined for the State of Texas. All passengers required to take quarantine oath at the border stations.

— MAILS AND MAIL MATTER. —

All mails must be either fumigated with chlorine gas or disinfected by heating to 250 degrees Fahrenheit by proper quarantine officer at border of the State.

— SLEEPING-CARS. —

Sleeping-cars allowed to enter the State are those which are named in list in the possession of border quarantine officers, with conductor and porter of each, as provided. This embraces sleepers only that have not been east of the Mississippi River since the first of July, 1879.

O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[L. S.] JOHN D. TEMPLETON,

Secretary of State.

QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION.

No. 4.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 1, 1879.

That all those engaged in the quarantine service of the State, or that may hereafter be engaged for the protection of particular localities, may fully understand their powers and duties as contemplated by the law of the State of Texas, it is hereby declared, that the quarantine stations established on the coast and on the borders of the State where railroads enter it are designed to be used for the protection of the whole State as one organized community. Such quarantine stations under the control of a county court, or city or town authorities, may be provided by said authorities with health officer, assistants, guards, boats or skiffs, provisions for parties detained, fumigating materials, and whatever else may be necessary for an efficient quarantine, the accounts for which must be approved by the authorities contracting them, and those contracted since the ninth day of July, 1879, by the Governor also.

The said authorities are not confined to $100 per month as pay for health officers at such stations under their control. That provision of the law applies only to the health officers appointed by the Governor upon the neglect of said authorities to employ a health officer at a particular station. On the other hand, the expression of the law, that health officers shall not be allowed more than ten dollars per day while on service, does not justify the allowance of that amount when a competent health officer can be employed for less money. Said authorities are, therefore, requested to make judicious contracts with health officers and others employed, so that there may be the greatest economy observed consistent with the full efficiency of the quarantine service.

All boats purchased or hired and all buildings or wharves erected at said stations, when completed, must be examined and received by the State health officer, Dr. R. Rutherford, and the accounts for them approved by the Governor.

The health officers at the several stations are urged to continue their reports faithfully to the State health officer at Houston, and advise with him on questions of difficulty, all of which, when presented, should be held up or decided on the safe side for the time.

I respectfully request the authorities controlling the several stations to examine closely the statutes in the performance of their duties, and in making accounts and the approval of the same.

Notice is hereby given to cities, towns, and counties in the interior of the State, that the most strenuous efforts are being made on the coast and on the borders of the State for your protection against the introduction of infectious diseases.

You are respectfully requested to take the necessary steps at once, by the organization of boards of health and by sanitary regulations at your discretion, for your own protection.

It is important to have every person who comes amongst you from without the State closely noticed as to his or her health, so that if it should happen that an infectious disease has been introduced the case could be promptly attended to and isolated so as to prevent the spread of the disease if possible.

The existence of yellow fever in Memphis and New Orleans and the danger of its spreading, and the appearance of a disease like cholera in the State of Illinois, should impress every one with a serious concern to aid the authorities everywhere in the State to save the lives of the people from these terrible diseases.

If unfortunately the yellow fever should enter the State and become fastened upon any locality, you have the right to establish quarantine against it for your own protection, which it is hoped will be exercised with as much liberality and as little harshness towards your fellow-citizens as may be consistent with the safety of your own community.

O. M. ROBERTS, Governor.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[L. S.] JOHN D. TEMPLETON,

Secretary of State.

No. 1858½ "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Hempstead Tex.
Dec Aug 28th, 1879.

Roberts O. M.
Governor of Tex

"Should a board at a
Station quarantine against
another place in our
Coast or in the interior
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of passengers or Cargo
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to as unsafe in the opinion
of the board that Quarantine
or upon suspicion of danger
from their Admission before
a case of yellow fever ap-
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Dated New Orleans La May 28 1879

Received at Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C. 3.50 Pm

To The President or

Sec'y President of National Board of Health Washn D C

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH AUG 29 1879

Should a board at a station guarantine against another place on our Coast or in the interior, because of the admission of passengers or Cargo under Circumstances objected to as unsafe in the opinion of the board that guarantine or upon suspicion of danger from their admission before a Case of yellow fever appears as the result of said admission

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Dated Aug. 1879

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Governor Texas

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No. 1324 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas Texas

Sept. 8, 1879.

Carter, Dr. J. L.

Accepting position of correspondent. Encloses mortuary report.

REFERRED TO BULLETIN.

DATE Sept 13th

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NOTED IN BULLETIN. NATIONAL BOARD RECEIVED SEP 13 1879 OF HEALTH.

National Board of Health.

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Respectfully referred to .....

Secretary.

NATIONAL BOARD RECEIVED SEP 13 1879 OF HEALTH.

J. L. Carter, M. D.,
HEALTH OFFICER.
Office 107 Main St.,

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 8th 1879

Dr T. J. Turner, Sec. N. B. of H.
Sir,

I accept the request to act as correspondent for the N. B. H. I will furnish you the desired information to the best of my capacity.
I will furnish you a report of this section & its diseases by the next fortnight. Hereafter I will be able to furnish weekly mortuary statements of our city, as per ordinance enclosed. It also requires burial permits. I enclose mortuary report for August.
We have nothing now but malarial diseases in this section.

Your obedient servant
J. L. Carter
H. O.

AN ORDINANCE

Regulating the Burial of the Dead

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Dallas.

SECTION 1. Every physician practicing his profession in the City of Dallas, is hereby required, whenever a patient under his care dies, to furnish a certificate of such death and its cause, to the undertaker burying the deceased. The certificate shall as near as possible state the age, sex, color and residence, as well as occupation of deceased, and whether married or single.

SEC. 2. When the patient dies without the care of a physician, the City Health Officer shall furnish the certificate as full as possible.

SEC. 3. No undertaker shall bury any body without having first been furnished such certificate, unless with permission of Health Officer.

SEC. 4. Immediately after burial the undertaker rendering the service, shall deliver the physician's certificate to the City Sexton, who shall register it in a book, to be kept for the purpose.

SEC. 5. The City Sexton shall make a weekly mortuary report to the Health Officer on every Saturday evening of all deaths in the city.

SEC. 6. Any one violating, or failing to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be in any sum not exceeding one hundred ($100) dollars.

SEC. 7. That this ordinance go into effect from and after passage and publication.

Approved August 27, 1879.

J. M. THURMOND, Mayor.

Attest: J. B. HERRFORD, City Sec'y.

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HOGS.

The hogs in the city pound will be sold Saturday to the highest bidder, unless reclaimed prior to that time.

W. F. MORTON, City Marshal.

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Hospital Report, for Aug., 1879. $1,441 30.

Number of patients in hospital, at last report 11
Admitted during the month..... 18
Discharged during the month..... 18
Remaining Aug. 31st..... 11

Nature of diseases of the admission for the month.

Malarial fever	6
Alcoholism	1
Rheumatism	1
Sunstroke	7
Contused wound	1
Tertiary syphylis	2
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No. of patients treated outsided of Hospital 46; in the hospital 24.

Mortuary Report for Aug., 1879. Total deaths in the city 22; males, 11; Females, 11; whites, 18; colored, 4; infants, (under 2 years of age 16;) children, 2; adults, 4; non-resident, 2. Diseases causing these deaths: dibility, 1; incised wound, 1; poison 2; enticolitis, 2; premature birth, 1; child bed fever, 1; congestion, 6; dysentery, 2; cancer, 1; stillborn 1; marasmus, 2; innaition, 1; scrofula, 1. Two were buried at the expense of the city.

The main feature in this Mortuary Report, is the great disparity between the deaths

No. 1101 Yellow Fever

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex

Septr , 1879.

Report on disease

San Antonio Texas

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Capt Tebb

San Antonio, Tex
September [illegible] 1879

Secy Nat Bd of Health

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith the enclosed [illegible]
brief report on the [illegible] of yellow fever
in this city during the present
year -

By request of [illegible]
from the Surgeon
Marine Hospital
Service U.S.A.

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Small Pox in San Ant

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Until one year ago the water [illegible] derived chiefly from wells in various [illegible] town; some of the better houses [illegible] so far the great majority [illegible] population, [illegible] was [illegible] great [illegible] the severity of the cholera epidemics which have prevailed at various times. One year ago however the [illegible] Works Company, completed their [illegible] town is now supplied with an abundance of water (though somewhat impregnated with [illegible] from the head waters of the San Antonio River. This water is conveyed into the reservoir by means of pumps having a capacity of three million gallons per day, and the average supply is one hundred and twenty gallons per [illegible] We are estimated population [illegible] and. It does not [illegible] general [illegible] than those [illegible]

Double [illegible] improve with each succeeding year.

[illegible] the laws of any civilized [illegible]

[illegible] to a minimum by [illegible]
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[illegible] limited, [illegible] [illegible] the people instead of appealing to the [illegible] is more apt to depend for his [illegible] cal proclivities or personal popularity [illegible] fessional fitness. The medical profession [illegible] the city contains a number of men of [illegible] attainments among whom it would be [illegible] organize a Board of Health, that would [illegible] inferior in devotion to duty and intelligence [illegible] performance of it to that found [illegible] munity of the same size, but a [illegible] have been made by the resident [illegible] looking to this end, the [illegible] difference [illegible]

[illegible] April, 2, — [illegible] July [illegible] August 13. — There were during [illegible] among the following nationalities: — Mexicans [illegible] 24, — White 17; — Only 4 of [illegible] occurred in the central portions of [illegible] only 15 east of San Pedro creek; — [illegible]

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a limited extent. — Infected houses ha
disinfected with sulphurous acid
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ascertaining, but I should judge from the
of physicians with whom I have
amounts to very little.

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No. 2719 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Tex
Sept 26, 1879
Roberts Gov^r O. M.

D^o Coleman and
Fitzpatrick [Kilpatrick]
would not be stopped
See my first quar.
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Dated Austin Tex Sept 26 1879

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To Dr Cabell

Washn

Drs Coleman & Fitzpatrick

Will not be stopped

See My proclamation

Ox Roberts

Governor

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No. 2919 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas, Texas
Sept. 30, 1879.

Carter, Dr. J. L.

States burial permits are required.
Will report as correspondent of N. B. H. in a few days.

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REFERRED TO
BULLETIN
DATE Oct 6, 1879

J. L. Carter, M. D.,
HEALTH OFFICER.
Office 407 Main St.,

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 30, 1879.

Sir:— Your communication relative to burial permits is received. I mailed you a copy of an Ordinance enacted by the Council of this City, making it a misdemeanor for any burial without the permit. The permit is granted only on a Medical Certificate of the cause of death. The same Ordinance requires the Medical Certificate, in all cases of death, of the cause.
I would mail you another copy of this Ordinance but haint one.
I will report as correspondent of the N. B. A. in a few days.
I will give full information of this section with regard to Sanitation. We have made some very important im-

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movements in this city. I will give a detailed statement of all things that may have a bearing on health or disease. We are very healthy for the season. We are in the midst of our Malarial season. We have a good deal of Malarial Fever, but mild in character; very few cases prove fatal, as you see, by our weekly reports.

It is distressingly dry and dense clouds of dust fill the air daily. And thus are we disinfected.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant
L. L. Carter
N. O.

No. 3019 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Indianola Tex.

Oct 4, 1879.

Short C.W. Mayor of P.O.

Sends Mortuary report and asks if he can get a small appn for clean-up purposes.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED OCT 10 1879

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MORTUARY REPORT.

(Town or City,) Sulphur Springs Texas

(Date,) Week ending October 1879

☞ Please make up this report each Saturday at noon, and forward it at once.

DISEASES.	CASES.	DEATHS.
Diarrhœal Diseases		
Diphtheria		
Erysipelas		
Fever, Cerebro Spinal		
Fever, Enteric (Typhoid)		
Fever, Puerperal		
Fever, Remittent		
Fever, other Malarial		
Fever, Scarlet		
Fever, Yellow		
Lung Diseases, Acute		
Measles		
Phthisis, (Consumption)		
Small-Pox		
Whooping-Cough		

Deaths from all causes, None Population 900

Deaths—White, None Colored, None

Deaths under 5 years, None

Sanitary condition with reference to local and climatic condition affecting public health: Good

Can I get a Man and Team from you for Cleaning up purposes

(Signature) C. N. Hunt
Mayor P.T.S.P.

No. 3101 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex
Oct 4, 18 79

Carson Thos.
Mayor

Sends abstract of
S.C.B. Combe
dated Oct 4-79

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Mayor's Office
Brownsville Texas
October 4th 1879

J. D. Turner Esq
Secy Nat. Board of Health.
Washington
D.C.

Sir.

I herewith enclose Oath of Office of Dr. Chas B. Combe, as Inspector National Board of Health, one account of the Doctors absence it was not forwarded before:

Very Respectfully.
Thomas Carson
Mayor

No. 3136 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin, Texas

Tel. Oct. 15, 1879.

Roberts, Gov. O. M.

"The spread of y. f. in Ark. and La. renders quarantine in Jefferson, Texas necessary. We have appropriation for that place. Please appoint Dr. A. P. Brown health officer there at $5— per day."

Bulletin.

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DATE.....

NOTED IN BULLETIN,

DATE Oct. 18th.

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Dated Austin Tex Oct 15 1879

Received at Cor. 15th and "F" Streets, Washington, D. C 1471

To Dr Cabell

Pres Nat Bd Health

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The spread of yellow fever in Arkansas & Louisiana renders quarantine in Jefferson Tex as necessary we have appropriation for that place please appoint Dr a. P. Brown health officer there at five dollars per day and oblige

Jno H Reagan

O M Roberts

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No. 3332 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson Texas.
Oct 20, 1879

Brown D. A. P.
~~Inspector.~~
Sends weekly report.
Desires instructions.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
OCT 25 1879
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Ans'd Oct. 25-6802

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Quarantine Inspectors Office

A. P. BROWN,
Physician & Surgeon,
JEFFERSON, TEX.

10-20-79

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RECEIVED
OCT 25 1879

Dr Cabell M.D.
Washington, D. C.;

Sir

Accompanying this find Quarantine Inspectors report for week ending Saturday Oct 18th 1879

I did not know until last week that I was required to report to you every week as the last did not. Send blanks &c. he has promised to do so but I learned he has been sick. Please give me your instructions.

Respectfully
A. P. Brown,
Quarantine Inspector for
Jefferson Marion Co Tex

Place	Date	Temperature			Diseases prevailing	Remarks
		6 A.M.	12. M.	6. P. M.		
Jefferson. Marion Co. Texas.	Week ending Oct 18th 1879.	47°	90°	79°	Malarial Fevers	All R.R. Trains coming from Little Rock Ark are inspected & Certificates given to passengers going east & all desiring after proof.

A. T. Conn, M.D. Quarantine Inspector.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson Texas
Oct 25, 1879.

Brown D. A. P. Inspector

Brief report for the week.

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DATE Oct. 30th.

Quarantine Office

A. P. BROWN,
Physician & Surgeon.
JEFFERSON, TEX.

10-25-79

Dr Cabell - Nat- Quarantine Office
Washington D. C.

Sir In absence of any blanks
I can only make an epistolary
report for this week

Malarial Fevers prevailing
Temperature 42° F to 78° F Frost twice
very early

Quarantine Officers
between Little Rock & Texarkana
very careless about certified
Affidavits for goods shipped here

Yours Respectfully
A. P. Brown
Quarantine Inspector

No. 3548 "States Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex

Oct 25, 1879.

Carson Thos. Mayor

Rel. to their applica
tion for aid & states
Dr Hurst Pope suggested
the work to the city.

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Office of

Thomas Carson,

Brownsville, Texas, Oct 25 th 1879

BOARD RECEIVED NOV -6 1879 OF HEALTH

Dr J. S. Turner
Secty Nat. Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 25th ults was duly received. and today I am in receipt of a letter from the President of the Board in reply to my communications of the 15th ulto.

This City is in a fair Sanitary condition and Satisfactory to the Citizens. but your Inspector Dr. A. H. Pope recommended that certain work should be done

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Thomas Carson,

Brownsville, Texas,_____18__

which the Citizens do not think necessary and are unable to bear the expense. Hence the appeal to your Board for assistance.

This City is Geographically an assailable point from Mexico. and unless State or Federal assistance is rendered, contagious and infectious diseases can readily be introduced from Mexico and disseminated through this State etc.

We have not the means to place ourselves in the condition

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Thomas Carson,

Brownsville, Texas, _____ 18__

your Inspector deems advisable in order to be a barrier against the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases for the protection of the whole State and other places.

Yours truly

Thomas Carson

Mayor

No. 3549 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson Texas
Nov 1, 1879

Brown D.H.P.

Weekly report on quar. &c.

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A. P. BROWN,
Physician & Surgeon.
JEFFERSON, TEX.

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Quarantine Office Jefferson Texas
Nov 1st 1879

Dr. J. S. Cabell,
Pres National Board of Health
Washington D. C.

Honored Sir I have the honor to report for the week ending this day, that a Strict Quarantine has been observed against points infected by Yellow fever, and, by order of Gov Roberts, will be maintained so long as any possible danger may appear.

Malarial fevers still prevailing, having assumed a grave & hemorragic type.

Temperature from 44° F to 85° F
Weather, east winds prevailing,
very dry & dusty.

Very Respectfully
A. P. Brown M. D.
Quarantine Inspector
for
Jefferson Tex

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex
Nov 8, 1879

Smith Jos. R
Surg. U.S.A.

Reports 3 cases of small pox at Ft Davis (~~all~~ one proving fatal) during October.

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Headquarters Department of Texas,

Medical Director's Office.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
NOV 14th 1879

San Antonio, Texas, November 8th 1879

To Dr. Thomas J. Turner, U.S. Navy,
Secretary National Board of Health
1410 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that during the month of October, there have occurred at Fort Davis, in this Department, three (3) cases of Small pox, one of which has proven fatal. The disease is believed to have been checked, no new cases having been reported since Oct. 15th. Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

O. S. R. Smith

Surgeon U.S. Army

Medical Director

No. 3672 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson, Tex.
Nov 8, 1879

Brown D. A. P.

Report raising of quar.
on 7th
Wants to know if he
shall continue to
report each week.

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A. P. BROWN,
Physician & Surgeon.
JEFFERSON, TEX.

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Nov- 8th 1879

Secy- National Board of Health
Washington D. C.

I have the honor to report- that- by
order of Gov- C. M. Roberts, Quarantine
was raised on the 7th and I ceased
Inspections on that day.

Considerable Sickness of a
Malarial Character has prevailed, with
an occasion Case of Dengue fever, with
a few Cases of Pertussis,

Temperature very Variable
from 47° to 85°.

One death Splenitis
Cause Bilious Remit- with Splenitis &
Pleuritis boy aged 17 years
Population 2000

Respectfully
A. P. Brown, M. D. &
Quarantine Inspector

P. S.
Your Confidential Circular with Bulletin
reached me for which accept thanks.
Please continue to send them to me,
Shall I report every week?
A. P. B.

No. 3718 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Fort McIntosh Tex.

Nov , 18 .

King Capt I.H.J.

Reports case of Small pox at Laredo Tex.

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DATE Nov. 20th.

OFFICE OF

POST HOSPITAL,

Fort McIntosh, Tex. November 10th 1879

NOV 20 1879
OF HEALTH

Sir:

I have the honor to inform You that one case of Small-Pox has this day come under my observation in the adjoining town of Laredo Texas. The patient is a Mexican boy, aged 16 years, and has a mild type of the disease.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. A. J. Kinig
Capt. & Asst. Surgeon U. S. A.,
Post Surgeon.

To the -
Secretary "National Board of Health"
of the United States. -

No. 3728 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Fort Clark Texas

Nov 13, 1879

Waters W. E.
asst Surg. U.S.A.

Reports case of small pox
— from H Brown Texas

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OF HEALTH.

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DATE Nov. 29th.

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Post Hospital,

FORT CLARK, TEXAS,

November 13th, 1879.

To the President National Board of Health,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with Circular of Surgeon General, U.S. Army, dated August 16th 1879 I have the honor to report that a case of small pox has developed in a soldier at this post, arrived from Fort Brown, Texas, on the 7th instant, was doubtless infected while on the march hither.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.
H. E. Watts
Act Surgeon, U.S.A.
Post Surgeon.

No. 3790 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex
Nov 21, 1879.

Smith Jos. R. M.S. a Surg.
Reports cases of
small pox — one
at Laredo & one
at Ft Clark Tex.

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NOV 26 1879

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DATE. Nov. 26th.

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Headquarters Department of Texas,

Medical Director's Office.

NOV 26 1879
HEALTH.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 24. 1879

Dr. Thos J. Turner, U.S. Navy.
Secy Natl. Board of Health
1410 G Street, Washington, D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that one case of small pox is reported at Fort Clark Texas, and one at Laredo, Texas, as having occurred during the present month.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

J.O.R. Smith
Surgeon U.S. Army
Medical Director D.T.

No. 3861 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Corpus Christi Texas
Nov 22, 1879

Burke D T. S. H.O.

Rel. to two cases of
smallpox brought from
San Diego.

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Corpus Christi Texas Nov 22nd 1879

Dr. T. J. Turner U.S.A.
Sec N. B of Health

Dear Sir!

The State Quarantine of Texas, closed on the 7th of this month. The Coast Quarantine for this Section, is located at Shell Banks, 23 miles from this City 28 miles from Aransas Pass. I returned to Corpus on the evening of the 7th inst, A few minutes after my return, I was requested by a physician here to visit with him two suspicious cases, which I had no hesitation in pronouncing Small-pox; One, from former vaccination, proved to be a mild attack of varioloid; the other — unprotected by vaccination — resulted in a discrete — but mild — case of variola. Both were promptly isolated and guards placed over both patients & nurses. Each have done well. The negro — with varioloid — after entire change of clothing and thorough disinfection, was discharged this evening; All bedding and clothing used by him and the nurse, I ordered burned; the furniture and furniture to be well washed in Carbolic acid and the walls of the building to be covered with lime inside & out. Every precaution has been taken to avoid

any further spread of the disease, and no other case having occurred up to the present time — 16 days — I think we need fear no further fear.

Both of these cases were traced directly to contagion with a Mexican girl from San Diego, where the disease has existed largely for some months past. I will keep you informed of any new developments

Respectfully
Yours &c
L. J. Bourke M.D.
Health Officer

No. 3915 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Texas.
Decr 3, 1879
Roberts Govr O.M.

Transmitting
accts of A.P. Brown
for services at
Jefferson Tex. Novr
1st to Novr 7/79 and
Oct 16th to Oct 31/79

Due about Charge
for Service in Novr

Disbursed by telegram of the 13th Inst.
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HEALTH.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Austin, Decr 3d 1879

Mr W. P. Dunwoody

Dear sir The enclosed papers have been delayed by my necessary absence from the Capital of the State.

Respectfully yours &c

O M Roberts

Govr

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex
Dec 13, 1879

Combe D. C.B.

Sends his account for services for one mo. & 12 d. $420 00 which is endorsed by letter (inclosed) of U.S. Consul at Matamoras Mex. under date of Dec 13/79

Does not send acct in duplicate

(See Bd Min. Aug 20/79)

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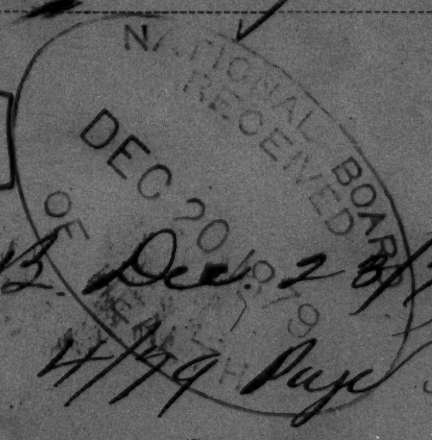

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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Brownsville, Texas Dec. 13th 1879.

S. D. Turner Esq.
Secty. Natl Board of Health
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir. —

By virtue of telegram dated August 20th 1879 appointing me Inspector of the Natl Board of Health for the Dist. of the Rio Grande, and of your letter of the 30th September 1879, relieving me on that date from active service, please find enclosed Voucher for services rendered amounting to Four hundred and twenty dollars. —

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

H. B. Chamberlain M.D.
Inspector Natl Board of Health,
Dist. of the Rio Grande.

United States Consulate, Matamoras, Mexico.
December 13, 1879.

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NATIONAL BOARD
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J. J. Turner, Esquire,
Sec. of National Board of Health.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Dr. C. B. Coombs the Inspector of your Board assigned duty on the Rio Grande Frontier has shown me his bill for services rendered, being for one month and twelve days - and amounting to Four Hundred and Twenty Dollars ($420.00). Dr Coombs very efficiently maintains the quarantine which was established by Dr. John H. Pope an Inspector of your Board, and also by my self in Despatches to the Department of State. Having been requested by your Board through the Department of State, to cooperate with Dr Coombs I have complied some 20 —

I consider that Dr. Coombs's bill is proper and just (as to the salary per diem I know nothing) that as to the time spent and efficiency of his labors I bear his testimonies in saying that they were faithfully and well done.

I would recommend that Dr Coombs be also continued in service on this frontier, as his services are of great and peculiar value —

I am not haste
Dear Sir
Your obedient servant.

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Arthur H. Patton
U. S. Consul.

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National Board of Health

Washington D. C. Sept 26/79

Dr E. R. Laub
Brownsville Tex

Sir

I have to inform you that at the end of the current month, Sept. 30th, you will be relieved from duty as inspector of the National Board of Health and placed upon the reserve list of inspectors.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) J. J. Turner
Secy Nat. Bd. of Health

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Copy of Telegram

Washington 23d Augt 1879

To Thos. Lamm
Mayor
Brownsville Texas

State department has been requested to furnish instructions to Consul at Matamoros. cooperate with Dr Coube. in effort to secure an efficient quarantine at Bagdad.

Turner
Sd Marine Hosp.

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Copy of Telegram

Washington D. C. 20th Augt 1879

To Thos. Baren Mayor
Brownsville Texas

Duties of Inspector are to see that rules of the board are properly carried out. Dr Eames duties will be about the mouth of Rio Grande, Neighborhood of Brownsville and Brazos etc also to act on special duty when called for. further instructions may be sent by mail

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Pres.
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No. 4207 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Texas

Dec. 26, 1879.

Roberts, Gov. O. M.

Acknowledges receipt of dft for #115— in favor of Dr. A. P. Brown.

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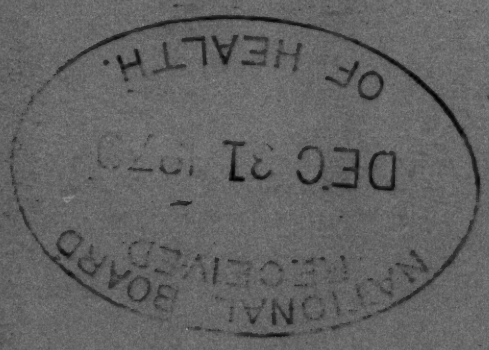

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Office.

Austin, Dec 26th 1879

T. L. Turner

Secty Nat Bd of Health

Washington D. C.

Sir

Yours of 12th Inst enclosing Draft for $115.00 in favor of A. P. Brown in payment of salary was recd 18th inst.

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Respectfully

O. M. Roberts,

Govr

No. 23-80. "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Indianola, Texas.

Dec. 24, 1879.

Short, G. W. Mayor.

In regard to the making of weekly mortuary reports.

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Mayors Office Galveston Texas Dec 27th 1879

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

J. J. Turner Esqr
Secy Nat- Board Health
Washington DC

Dear Sir

Yours of the 16th to hand and noted.
I did not think it necessary to send the Monterey Porter Cards after Nov 1st as the Quarantine was raised. I have ten of the Cards left on hand. which I was saving until Next Year. to send them then.
But as You want the report made all the year round. I shall be pleased to Make them the reports as heretofore.
There has been No deaths at or Near this Point since My last report.

I am Very Respectfully
C. W. Short
Mayor

No. 70–80 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston, Texas
Dec. 31, 1879.

Rutherford, Wm. R.

Report of operations during the last season in Texas.

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At Printer's

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OFFICE OF

R. RUTHERFORD, M. D.

(at Houston Texas: Dec. 31. 1879) Dr R. Rutherford, State health officer, makes the following report of quarantine operations in Texas during the recent epidemic of yellow fever:

(Corresp. Rep)

Multiple ways found the general head of Quarantine finds me committed with more of task than I anticipated. But here's at it for a synopsis at least as ~~begin~~ on the 19th day of April Gov Roberts issued his proclamation to take effect from and after the 25th of that month declaring all the coast of Texas would be a in State of defense against the importation of infectious diseases by sea and

Houston. Texas, Dec 31st 1874

Dr J. S. Billings
U.S. Nat Bd H
My Dear Doctor

My promise to write you what transpired in Texas in a multiple way under the general head of Quarantine finds me committed with more of task than I anticipated. But here's at it for a synopsis at least as ~~begin upon~~ on the 19th day of April Gov Roberts issued his proclamation to take effect from and after the 25th of that month declaring all the coast of Texas would be in State of defense against the importation of infectious diseases and

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State Health Officer,

P. O. Box 688.

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Subjecting all vessels arriving from any ports South of 25° north latitude to such detention and inspection as should be determined upon by the local Authorities at the port of entry. As fast and sufficient Many efforts to systematize make these regulations of the different localities were systematized made by his predecessor Gov Roberts, but in the main proved a failure, and only such terms as were published, were enforced through a series of proclamations, issued as the Emergency demanded and setting forth distinctly his wishes upon certain existing conditions, were

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State Health Officer,

P. O. Box 688.

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observed as the general law upon the subject. These proclamations, carefully drawn by the Governor were promulgated as far as practicable to those most interested in their contents, and to Local Boards and officers acting under their direction. Copies of which I have before sent you. Up to the 10th of July restrictions were only placed upon the Coast towns, but in a very comprehensive way, as it was impossible to keep informed as to which of the various ports where fever was considered Endemic were at the time Epidemic, or infected with yellow fever.

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State Health Officer,

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Upon the 10th ~~of~~ July, 10. a case of yellow
fever terminated fatally in Memphis
Tenn, and the Borders of Texas were
at all the R.R. intersections of
the State line declared to be
points demanding further protection.
And Accordingly, under direction
of the Governor, officers for the
Examination of the various freight
& passenger trains Entering the State
were appointed by the different
towns in their corporate capacities,
And Stations, were erected by the State
for the protection of those who should
unfortunately be held as suspiciously
Connected with infected places, or who could

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not produce proper Evidence by certificate that they had not been exposed to infection. The Sen of Louis being in the eyes of quarantine officers as great as that of Commission Officers were also sent by the Governors Consent and with cooperation of companies interested transportation officers as medical advisers to St Louis, Charleston etc and Sedalia Mo, who did out-post duty to prevent parties unacquainted with Texas restrictions from being placed in quarantine upon their arrival at Border Stations, and thus save the State the expense of their maintenance during detention. It will not be too much of a digression to state that The R.R.D.

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State Health Officer,

P. O. Box 688.

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officials have rendered every assistance in their power to the Quarantine officers, without which their duties would have been doubly arduous. All these Examinations made at the different Border Stations (as they were called in my office) El Orange Waskom Texarkana & Denison 15,743 personal inspections were made, and 670 detentions of persons detained for various periods and for such suspicious circumstances or direct Evidence as were found. These figures do not include quite as great a number of persons first examined by Galveston & Houston Train inspectors before being allowed to enter either of these cities. Of these combined inspections,

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State Health Officer,

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I know of only 4 cases of detention for non compliance with regulations, showing very conclusively that the work done at the Border stations was well performed, and was really the only precaution necessary. At the ports of entry, namely Galveston, Sabine pass, Pass Caballo, Aransas Pass, Velasco, Corpus Christi and Brazos Santiago, There have been 1128 vessels of all kinds subjected to quarantine inspection, and 38 detentions of varying number of days from 10 to 60 days, and the facts in other cases, aroused the apprehension of the Local Boards. This method

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State Health Officer,

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of time was not even settled by the Colorado Embroglio. a Coffee Brig from Rio was voted out to Sea several times afterward for agreater period than had been demanded for either vessels. The Bandes always taking the Side of this question.

The last legislature appropriated $20,000 for the maintenance of the ~~Expenses~~ expenses maintaining of Quarantine upon the Coast and ~~Borders~~ Borders of Texas, which sum has been Expended for this purpose, leaving a considerable amount due to officials, ~~after the contingent~~

~~also~~ There was also appropriated $12,000 for the Erection of suitable buildings at the different Stations ~~before mentioned~~ for

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State Health Officer,

P. O. Box 633.

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Houston, Texas, ... 18....

General Quarantine Purposes.

They have been completed. Except at Brazos & Santiago and Aransas Pass, which two are in course of construction, and will be finished by January 10, when all the Forts will be ready to give Hospital and other accommodation at the Quarantine Stations.

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What we need now, are Warehouses for receiving and disinfecting Contaminated freights, thereby releasing after proper cleansing all vessels arriving and in case it should not be considered safe for such vessels stuck to come to our wharves they can elect for their own destination. But will in the

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State Health Officer,

P. O. Box 688.

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meantime be relieved from fright and other responsibilities otherwise incumbent upon detention. And as our legislature does meet for months yearly I hope the Not'l Board will see the propriety of placing one there at Galveston at least. Two appropriations being possibly obtained before another legislative Enactment. "Too late for next Summer."

I received your letter today and will commence at once upon the receipt of the work mentioned.

Most Truly yours

R Rutherford St. H. O.

Houston Dec 30th 1879

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex
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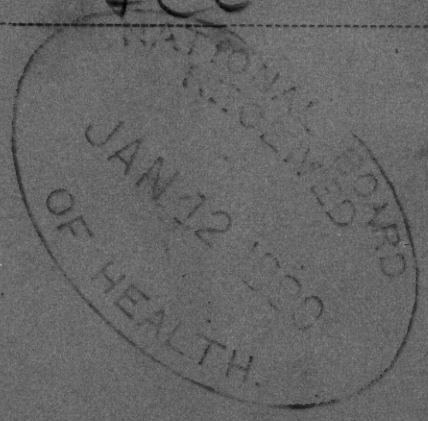

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Brownsville 3, 1, 80

T L Tunnicliff
Secy Nat Bd of Health
Washington D C,

Dear Sir: Your kind favor of the 26th ult, my quarantine account & duplicate returned to me for signature came to hand today,

I omit by mail the same having complied with your instructions, which I hope will fulfill all requirements - Many thanks for your kind advice and prompt action in my case - Hoping to hear from you soon - I am very Respectfully

W Blanton

No. 212 | 80 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville, Texas

Dec. 30, 1879.

Melon, E. J.
~~Health Officer~~

In regard to making weekly reports. Asks for information on the subject.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
JAN 14 1880

Brownsville Dec 30th 1879

Dr I. J. Turner Secy of the Nal Board of Health
Washington.

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 16th of Dec. I have the honor to inform you that as Health officer of the city of Brownsville I am willing and ready to furnish you with the number of deaths occurring in our locality.

But in order to fill up the first column of your postal cards I prevailed upon our city Council to pass an ordinance ordering all physicians to report to the health officer the number of their cases of Zymotic diseases. This ordinance has remained a dead letter and so far I have received no reports.

Now I can gather the number of deaths from the permits of burial and will send them to you if desirable. Waiting for informations

I remain your respectfully:

G. Melony M. D.
Health officer of the city of Brownsville.

No. 321 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Tex.
Jan 15, 1880.

French J. H. Mayor
will forward reports
as requested when
cards are received.

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Mayor's Office,

City of

San Antonio, Texas, January 15 1881

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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J. J. Turner
Secy Nat'l Board of Health
Dear Sir:

In reply to your Circular letter of 16th ult. I will state, that I will take pleasure in complying with your request, as soon as I am furnished with the Monitoring Postal Cards. Meantime

Very Respectfully
D. N. Faust
Mayor

No. 440 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco Texas

Janʸ 21, 1880.

Brown D. H. W.

States that he recᵈ from the R.H. Cir. calls for reports and was surprised as he had always considered that he was the duly constituted agent of the N.B.H. at Waco Texas & refers to his applᵗ – request for instruments & reply that they could not be furnished & states that is the reason no report will be made. will fill any blanks sent with pleasure.

Ansᵈ Send cards V. H

26 Sent Janʸ 25 1880

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OF HEALTH.

Waco Tex
Jany 21. 1880

J. Lewis M. D.
Supt. Nat. Bd Health.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I was not altogether surprised to receive your General Circular in relation to Death Rate as at the hands of Our Post Master. By appointment under your hand I have regarded myself your duly Constituted Agent in this District - & you may perhaps remember, that I made requisition for such instruments as are necessary to determine density of Silicate (in answer to your direct question) Connected with this locality - You know they could not be furnished - I had no other means of obtaining them - for that reason have made no Report during silence to

doubtful appropriation in matters of
so much interest — I may be wrong
& so Correct me & I will endeavour
to Conform to your wishes, & especially
our National Bonds.

It will give me pleasure, so
far as I am able, to fill any
Blanks you may furnish & will
do so as promptly as my varied
Professional duties permit —

I have long enjoyed personal
acquaintance with D. Cabell, Reuben
E. Lloyer — by Consequence have
felt deep interest in your welfare &
to serve you however & why
to utmost of my ability.

Very Respy.
Yr Obt Servt.
H. W. Brown

No. HH 7 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waxahachie Texas

Jan — , 1880.

Sweatt + Flores

Reports no Bd of Health
no health ordinance
but will report
as requested

(cards sent Jany 26)

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JAN 26 1880
NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Waxahachie Ellis Co Texas

Jan 24th 1880

Dr J Gurner MD
Secy Natl Bd of Health
Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir Yours of 15th inst at hand
In reply we will be pleased to render you any information
as far as possible - A new country & location of unusual
salubrity but very little attention has been paid
Sanitary Matters - No Board of Health No Health
Ordinance but a Board of Councilmen always
at the service of the physicians if any Sani
tary measures might be thought to be needed
Be assured we are not indifferent to
such Matters

Respectfully
Sam'l Jamison
Swearingen & Flores

P.S We have commenced with 1st week of the
Month please furnish cards that we can report up to date

No. 511 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson, Texas
Jan. 26, 1880.

Brown, Dr. A. P.

States he will furnish
weekly reports of deaths
if furnished with blanks.
Has no copies of health
ordinances.

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A. P. BROWN,
Physician & Surgeon,
JEFFERSON, TEX.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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JAN 30 1880
OFFICE

Hon S. J. Tanner. Secr N. B. of H,
Washington D. C,

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your "Report of Deaths" printed on P. C. which I have filled out & returned I will send you the weekly report if furnished with blanks,

Our health ordinances & action of Gen Gov & N. B. of Health, State Board & local orders, & such local ones as our Board found necessary during the Epidemic, I have no Copies. but hope you will send me the Bulletin,

Yours Respectfully
A. P. Brown, M. D,
& Ex Quarantine Inspector

Sent Jany 30

No. 561 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Wacs Dex.

1 Jan —, 1880.

Brown Dr H.W.

Correspondents report.

Asks for proper blanks to make reports

Will send copy of city ordinance next mail.

REFERRED TO BULLETIN

DATE 2/2/80

V.H.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED FEB -2 1880

NOTED IN BULLETIN.

Feb. 9, —

Waco, Texas, Dr. H. W. Brown sends the following account of this place:

(Heading for Dr. Brown's letter — Corresp. Reports)

Waco is [illegible] having
Water enough for a Mid. Steamboat, but
usually, only sufficient for Canoe Navigation.
The river follows a course from
N.W. to S.E. — We have a population
of about ten thousand — Eight thousand
White & two to three thousand Black
The prevailing Wind are from the South
reaching us over a dry & rolling
Prairie for many miles.
There is very little low or bottom land
in the vicinity of Waco, hence the
general good health of the Citizens.
The Average Rainfall and Temperature have not been
kept for some years — the same
of temperature — We have no
Board of Health, but when
any interest is manifested in the
health of Citizens the Mayor & Council
have been in the habit of appointing

Waco Texas
Feb 2nd 1880

Dear Sir

Waco is situated on the Brazos River, which at flood time has water enough for a Mid. Steamboat, but usually, only sufficient for Canoe navigation. The river follows a course from N.W. to S.E. We have a population of about ten thousand — Eight thousand White & two to three thousand Black. The prevailing Winds are from the South reaching us over a dry & rolling prairie for many miles.

There is very little low or bottom land in the vicinity of Waco, hence the general good health of the Citizens.

The average Rainfall and Temperature have not been kept for some years — the source of information We have no Board of Health, but when any interest is manifested in the health of Citizens the Mayor & Council have been in the habit of appointing

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Mortality Record according to
Return of City Sexton
from January 1879 to
January 1st 1880

Deaths in City, White 95
" " " Colored 50.
Deaths in Country Brought to City for
Burial — White 45
" " Col'd 22.

Signed by City Sexton, as
Annual Report to City Council

The Past year has been free of any
Epidemics, & much less than
usual, of Ordinary diseases
has prevailed —

a Health Office, Stow, and ~~Deputising~~ Appointing
a Member of Council from
Each Ward to do duty as
such in their respective Wards
In Case of Small Pox or
Other Contagious disease ~~occurring~~ occurring
they have appointed myself to act
as Health Officer & When the danger
is over the service is ended

Your City Sexton is only
Required to make Monthly
returns of the deaths, But
I am endeavouring to have them
made Weekly, with ~~Causes of~~ Statement of
~~Death &c~~ —

Will forward to you a Copy of
Our City Ordinances; the next Week.

Be kind Enough to send me
Proper Blanks with such
Instructions or Explanations as you
think proper 5

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. H. Mann

No. 6HH "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Pilot Point Texas
Feby 3, 1883

Dorsey M. R. U.

Reports epidemic of Measles & Whooping cough at above place.

No burial permits are required.

Will make as complete mortuary reports as possible.

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NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE Feb. 16.

REFERRED TO BULLETIN.
DATE Feby 9.

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NATIONAL BOARD
FEB -9
OF HEALTH

Pilot Point
Denton Co. Texas
3rd ~~Feb.~~ 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to report that an epidemic of Measles and Whooping-cough is now prevailing at this place, and in the adjacent country. Beyond this and a few cases of Intermittent Fever. the general health is good. One case of Measles has been reported Fatal.

The Schools. public and private have not yet been closed.

Burial permits are not required here. but I will endeavour to give hereafter a report of mortality of

this town and the county as nearly correct as can be ascertained.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant.
R. W. Dorsey M. D.

Surgeon J. B. Turner, U. S. A.
Secty. Nat. Board of Health,
Washington. D. C.

No. 758 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex
Feby 11, 1880.

Smith Jos. R.
Surg. U.S.A.

Reports smallpox in
town adjacent to
Ft. Ringgold Texas
(Rio Grande City)

D. B.

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OF HEALTH.

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OF HEALTH

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DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

Medical Director's Office.

San Antonio, Texas, February 11th 80

Dr. Thos. J. Turner, U.S. Navy,
Secretary National Board of Health.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that small pox is reported to this Office as prevailing in the town adjacent to Fort Ruggold, Texas.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant
Wm. R. Smith
Surgeon U.S. Army
Medical Director D.T.

No. 771 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

~~St Mary's Hospital~~
Galveston Texas
Feby 11, 1880

Wilcox Dr. Chas. House Surgeon
States that all the patients have been removed from City Hospital to St Mary's Hospital and that he has never rec'd any cards or comn^ns from the N.B.H.
Will furnish any information in his power. Y B 5 p 212.
17 ack'd Y.H.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED FEB 17 1880

Sent Feby 17
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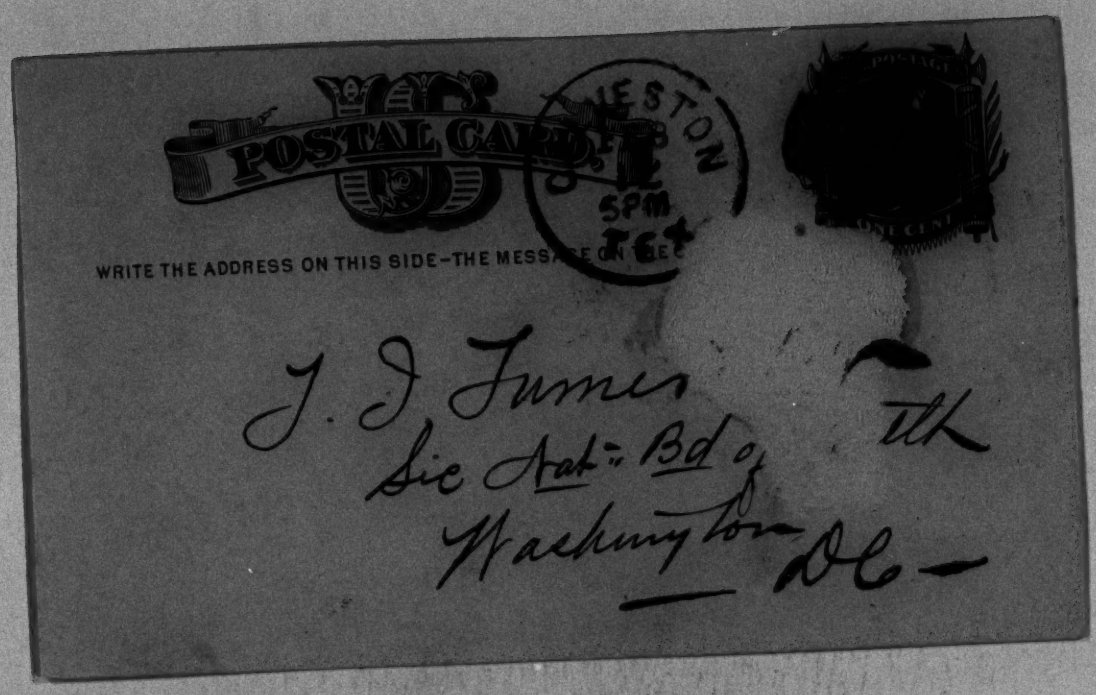
POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE
5PM
J. J. Jones
Sec Stat: Bd of
Washington DC

Galveston Tex Febr. 11th 80 1771

Dear Sir. I received a letter today addressed to City Hospital stating that cards had been forwarded to visit reports to me. I would say that all the patients have been removed from City Hospital to St Mary's Hospital. But we have never received any communication from you. except the acting for: cards we never saw or heard of But will be glad to favor you with any information in our power-

Respt A.H. Wilcox M.D House Surgeon

St Mary's Hospital

No. 833 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Texas
Feby 18, 1880.

Smith, Surgeon J. R.
U. S. Army

Reports case of small-pox among the troops at Fort McIntosh.

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Headquarters Department of Texas,

Medical Director's Office

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
FEB 23 1880

San Antonio, Texas, February 18 1880

Dr. J. J. Turner, U.S. Navy,
Secretary Natl. Board of Health
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that a case of small-pox appeared among the troops at Fort McIntosh February 15th. The Post Surgeon reports the command well protected by vaccination, which however he will repeat, and probably the disease will not become epidemic.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
R. Smith
Surgeon U.S. Army
Medical Director D.T.

No. 886 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

St. Mary's Hospital
Galveston, Texas
Feby 21, 1880.

Wilson Dr. A. W.
House Surgeon

Will make reports as requested. Desires to obtain monthly reports of diseases prevailing in foreign countries

F. F. F.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED FEB 27 1880

No. 900 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston
Texas
Feb. 7th, 1880.

Rutherford M.D.

States that he forwarded
Mort. Rpts. to & including
Jan 1/80. Which he thinks
have not been published.
Will forward rpts. weekly

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OFFICE OF
R. RUTHERFORD, M. D.
State Health Officer,
P. O. Box 688.

Houston, Texas, Feby 24 1880

J. H. Hurd Esqr
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

The special cards for weekly Morbidity reports have not been received at this office — The local board of this city by ~~one~~ resolution adopted by Ordinance Quarantine & Protection of each year I am the M. O. H. ad interim — I did forward the cards from Portland report of Monday Jan 31st 1880 but do not know whether received or not I have not seen it published in the Bulletin Reports Future Weekly Morbidity reports will be forwarded you as before the cards or until new ones be sent

I am Yours Truly
R Rutherford M. D.

No. 907 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas Texas

Feb 21st, 1880.

Carter J. L.
H.O.

Reports a case of scarlatina, also states that whooping cough exists in mild form. & that he has information of two cases of scarlatina at Sherman 50 miles distant.

Enclosed copy of City ordinance & regulations of Bd of H. Feb. 24th.

L. B. 5. p. 317

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NOTED IN BULLETIN,
DATE March 1.

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J. L. Carter, M. D.,
HEALTH OFFICER.
Office 407 Main St.,

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Dallas, Texas, Feby 24, 1880.

Dr T. J. Turner M.D. U.S.N.

Sir- I have the honor to report a case of Scarlatina in this city. The case is traceable from the city of Indianapolis. It is the only case as far. I have not seen it, but have entire confidence in the M.D., who has charge of the case. I have been credibly informed that two cases have occurred in Sherman, which is 50 miles north of Dallas; a town of 10 thousand inhabitants. We have a Board of Health here now and will do all we can to prevent the spread of Scarlatina. Whooping cough is also here, but seems mild.

Respectfully, J. L. Carter M.D.

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HEALTH NOTICE.

To the Public!

BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, THE CITY AUTHORITIES have ordered the cleaning and disinfecting of your premises forthwith, and the keeping of the same in good sanitary condition.

Every lot or parcel of ground, occupied or unoccupied, within the city limits, must be drained. The drainage must be arranged so as to prevent any accumulation of water.

In the business part of the city many houses throw the rain water to the rear of the buildings; in all such cases the water must be conveyed to the street gutters by piping or other suitable drains.

Every privy, sink or vault must be emptied often enough to prevent any large accumulation of feculent matter.

Where sand-boxes are used they must not be allowed to run over; frequent emptying is necessary.

Disinfect privy sinks with copperas solution, one and one-half pounds to the gallon of water.

Disinfect sand-boxes with dry earth or quick lime.

Other equally good disinfectants will answer. Carbolic acid will keep the rats away.

When privy vaults are made new they must not exceed five feet in depth, and must be walled with brick or stone; such depth is not so liable to contaminate the well-water, and is easy to empty. Large accumulations of feculent matter cannot be disinfected, and will not, therefore, be allowed. Old sinks must be filled up, covering will not answer.

Committing nuisances in alleyways and back yards is a violation of Ordinance, and will not be allowed.

Owners, tenants or agents are equally liable for nuisances committed on the property occupied.

Every wagon yard, cattle yard, hog pen, horse lot or stock yard of every description, or any unoccupied ground, must be kept clean.

Every meat market, fish market, or other market, must be kept clean so as to prevent offensive smells.

It is unlawful for anyone to deposit in a privy, sink or vault dead rats, dogs, cats, animal or vegetable matter, kitchen slops or any other kind of filth.

It is unlawful to deposit stable manure on the streets or sidewalks, or to allow it to accumulate anywhere.

All sweepings from the stores must be kept in vessels or boxes easy of access to the city scavengers, which are to be taken away by them.

No person shall keep in the city green, unsalted, hides for more than twelve hours without permission of the Health Officer.

I would call your attention to the following:

J. L. CARTER,
Health Officer. Office 513 Main Street.

—:o:—

AN ORDINANCE PUNISHING ACTS INJURIOUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Dallas:

SECTION 1.—If anyone within the city of Dallas shall carry on any trade, business or occupation injurious to the health of those who reside in the vicinity, or shall suffer any substance which shall have that effect to remain on premises in his possession, or under his control, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Mayor's Court, shall be fined not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars. Each separate day shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 2.—If anyone shall leave or deposit the dead carcass of any animal, or leave or deposit any filth, or suffer anyone in his or her employ, to leave or deposit any filth in any street or alley of this city, or anyanywhere within the corporate limits of this city, except in such a place and manner as shall be designated by the health officer, they shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than five or more than one hundred dollars.

SECTION 3.—That this ordinance go into effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 10, 1879.

Attest:

J. M. THURMOND, Mayor.

J. B. HEREFORD, City Secretary.

Issued 24 inst. C

No. 905 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall Texas

Feb 23d, 1880.

Brooks Chas M.D.

States that he is a member of the Committee of the State Med. Asso. to draft resolutions to be submitted at meeting Apl. 6th. urging Congress to extend and enlarge powers of N.B.of H. & asks for copy of bill now pending to aid com. in drafting resolutions. States also that he can furnish Meteorological as well as sanitary reports if desired.

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Circ. No 2
Bull. 33 sent March 1/80

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Marshall Tex Febry 23d 1880

Dr Turner
Sec National B of Health

Dear Sir At the next annual meeting of The Texas State Medical Association, which assembles in Galveston April 6th, resolutions will be adopted urging Congress to extend & enlarge the powers of the National Board of Health, as is set forth in a bill now pending before that body. As one of the Committee to draft the these resolutions, I respectfully request you to send me at your earliest convenience a synopsis of the bill now before Congress, in order that the Committee may be rightly guided in preparing their paper. I am informed that Louisiana & Mississippi will take the same course at their next medical association meetings. The medical profession recognize the absolute necessity of conferring upon the State B of Health greater powers, in order that it may thoroughly carry out the great & responsible work Committed to it. I no doubt Congress will be greatly influenced towards granting these additional powers, if the Med profession through their various State Societies, will properly urge the matter. Any information you may give

me in regard to the bill now before Congress, will be thankfully received and greatfully appreciated by me. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain yours with due respect

Charles Brooks M. D
Member Texas State Med Association
Marshall Texas

PS

I have a fine Barometer, Thermometer, wind gauge, and rain fall measure, and if desired I will with pleasure furnish your Board during the Coming Season with Meteorological, as well as Sanitary reports from this Section of the country

CB

No. 949 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Texas
Feby 25, 1880.

Middleton, Surgeon Passmore

States that the Post Surgeon Fort McIntosh reports three additional cases of small-pox as occurring at that Post; with inclosures.

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REFERRED TO BULLETIN.
Mch 3/80
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BOARD OF HEALTH.
NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE March 6.

HEADQUARTERS

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,

Medical Director's Office.

L.S. 10/378

San Antonio, Texas, Feby 25 1880

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OF HEALTH.

Dr. J. Turner, U.S. Navy,
Supt. Natl Bd of Health.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that since the report from this Office of the 18th inst. the Post Surgeon Fort McIntosh reports three additional cases of small-pox, as occurring at that Post. Copy of communication inclosed.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

R. Murphy
Asst. Surg U.S.A.
Medical Dir.

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HEALTH

Office of Post Hospital.
Fort McPherson, Ga., February 20th 1880.

Sir.

I have the honor respectfully to report, that, since my communication of the 15th Inst., three more cases of Small-pox have come under treatment at this post. viz: Private Frank Clark, Co. E 24th Infty, admitted into Hospital on the night of February 15th 1880, disease, Small-pox; Private Thomas Kilton, Co. H. 24th Infty, and Private William McDougal, Co. D. 24th Infty., both admitted on the 16th Inst., disease, Small-pox. These three patients are suffering from the diffused form, and at this date, all the cases are gradually approaching recovery.

On the 16th Inst. I re-vaccinated the entire command with Non-Humanized Vaccine Virus.

On the 18th Inst. I carefully inspected the entire command, and failed to detect any fresh cases. It seems justifiable to conclude that there is no danger of an Epidemic.

The disease is rumored now to exist on the Mexican side of the river, and also on this side; it has not however,

(over)

come under my own observation. The germs of last years epidemic doubtless remain in our midst, and thus the susceptible become infected.

I will keep you promptly acquainted with the progress of the malady.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
(Signed) P. H. S. King
Capt. and Asst. Surgeon U. S. A.
Post Surgeon.

Medical Director,
Dept. of Texas.
San Antonio, Texas.

A true copy:
[illegible]
Asst. Surg. U. S. Army.

No. 1059 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Galveston Tex
St Mary's Hospital
Mch 6, 1880.

Wilcox Dft W.
House Surgeon

Forwards hospital reports.
Has rec'd no Bulletins since January
Please have full name put on address
Changed address &c

V. H. L B 5 p. 452.
Secy ack'd & informed that Bulls have been sent.

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RECEIVED MAR 11 1880 OF HEALTH.

St Mary Hospital Galveston March 6th
Please Sir. I send you 2 postal
Filled out - as you have requested
me to the head - of Diseases I have
had the most afflicted which is chole-
debility & Surgical Diseases - Syphilis & -
minor trouble I have only received
the first number of the Bulletin
to January I have not received any after
that date if sent to me please will they
stand in full upon them. hoping you may
receive reports correct A.W. Wilcox M.D. U.S.

No. 1066 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Fort McIntosh Tex

Mch , 1880.

Kiag Capt I. H. T.
Capt & Asst Surg.
U.S.A.

Reporting 4 cases
of smallpox

REFERRED TO
BULLETIN.
DATE 3/11/80

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MAR 11 1880
NATIONAL BOARD
OF HEALTH.

NOTED IN
BULLETIN.
DATE March 12.

OFFICE OF

POST HOSPITAL,

Fort McIntosh, Tex. March 1st 1881.

Sir.

I have the honor to report that two cases of Small-pox came under observation at this post on the 15th ultimo, and two more cases of the same disease on the 16th ultimo. All the patients were soldiers belonging to the 24th Inf., and had a benign type of the malady. At this writing they are all gradually progressing towards recovery.

No danger of an epidemic is apprehended, as the entire command is well protected by vaccination, having been thoroughly vaccinated and re-vaccinated "(by myself)" during the past year, in the majority of cases successfully.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. A. T. King

Asst. and Post Surgeon, U. S. A.

Post Surgeon.

Secretary,

Nat. Board of Health

of the United States.

Washington, D.C.

No. 1165 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston, Texas
March 15, 1880.

Rutherford Dr. R.
Health Officer
States he will not be
able to write in regard to
the establishment of a com-
plete quarantine station on
the coast of Texas until his
return from Brazos Santia-
go whither he is called on
business. Will see Dr.
Pope in the meantime and
consult with him.

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OF HEALTH
MAR 22 1880
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Houston Tex.
March 15 1880.

P. H. Sumner Secty &c
Washington City

My Dear Sir

Your letter in regard to establishing a complete Quarantine Station on the Coast of Texas with Enquiries as regards place &c, was received by me Today, but I have to reply. I am called away on Official business & leave the city this afternoon destined for Brazos Santiago, & will be absent a week or ten days — I cannot therefore write you in regard to the matter until my return, when I will do so, and give you all the information which I may be possessed of. In the meantime I expect to see Dr. Pope, and will consult with him in regard thereto.

Very Respy &c
R. Robertson S. M. D.
Supt

No. 1393 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Hdqtrs Dept. of Texas
San Antonio, Texas
Mch. 29, 1880.

Smith, Dr. J. R.
Medical Director U.S.A.

Forwards report on small-pox epidemic at Rio Grande City, Texas.

NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE April 8. REFERRED TO BULLETIN.
B. DATE April 6
and April 6/80

U. S. A. Post Hospital
Fort Ringgold Texas
March 22nd 1880

To the
National Board of Health
Washington D. C.
{Through the Medical Director
Military Department of Texas
Gentlemen

I have the honor, respectfully, to report as follows upon the epidemic of Small-pox, which, has been raging for the last four months in Rio Grande City, distant about half a mile from this Post, and having a population of three thousand (3.000) inhabitants

The first case appeared about the first of last December, the subject being a child who had been brought from Camargo Mexico, it being the only surviving one of a family, the rest having died of this disease in that place.

Simultaneously with this it made its appearance at Garcias' Ranche, distant about one mile and a half from Rio Grande City.

That this disease is so common in this part of the country, accounts for the fact that nothing was known of its prevailing by the Garrison until early in February.

Communication between the town & Ejido was at once limited very much, & on March first a rigid quarantine was established, see inclosure A., this was rigidly enforced for about two weeks, when it was modified so as to allow persons to visit the town who were known to go on business, & on the 18th inst all restrictions were entirely removed; the town quarantining against Camargo Mexico, see inclosure B, the disease having about exhausted itself in Rio Grande City.

On March 1st a fully developed case of variola was reported to me occuring in the person of Private Charles Roberts Band 8th Cavalry, he was immediately isolated, & on the 18th inst was returned to duty, & there have been no other cases.

All persons belonging to the garrison have been vaccinated, & those who do not have a good scar from such in the last five years, re-vaccinated.

Vaccination is almost entirely objected to among the poorer classes, of which seven eighths of the population consists, there is some superstition connected with this which deters them from having it practised.

The number of cases occurring in the Ranches mentioned & in town have amounted to 143 & the number of deaths 47.

The disease appeared in Camargo Mexico a city distant about four miles from this Ejido, & having a population of five thousand (5000) inhabitants, last Spring, reaching its height last October, in this time 433 persons took it, & 172 died of it.

These figures are mostly approximative, there is no system of registration of deaths, and no law enforced as to sanitary measures, or any care exercised to prevent the spread of the contagion, but on the contrary, the natives will intentionally expose their children to it, looking upon the taking of the disease as a thing most essential.

The percentage of deaths among the poorer classes who received no medical treatment from a regular practising physician amounted to as high as 75 per cent, that of those cases receiving this only 10 per cent.

At this date, there are but four cases in Rio Grande City and they are convalescing, there have been no new cases for the last fifteen days; in Garcias' Ranche there are none, the disease having entirely exhausted itself. I am informed that in Camargo the disease is rapidly subsiding for want of material

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Smith.
A. A. Surgeon U.S.A.

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U.S.A. Post Hospital
Fort Ringgold Texas
March 22d 1880

Buffington A. L.
A. A. Surgeon USA

Report for Month for epidemic at Rio Grande City Texas.

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1st Endorsement.
Headquarters Dept. of Texas.
Medical Director's Office.
San Antonio Tex. March 29 80.

On the 12th inst. I called on the Post Surgeon at Ringgold to make this report, which is respectfully furnished for the information of the National Board of Health.

Jos. R. Smith
Surgeon U.S.A. Medical Director
J&B 10/393.

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Fort Ringgold. Texas.
March 1st. 1880.

Orders
No 28.

Owing to the prevalence of Small-pox in Rio Grande City, and the Ranches Adjacent, it becomes necessary to isolate the Garrison.

After 5 oclock this P.M. no Person belonging to the Garrison will be permitted to leave the Military Reservation of Fort Ringgold. Texas.

All persons not belonging to the Garrison will be prohibited from visiting the Post.

A guard tent will be placed between the Post and Rio Grande City, and the mail, telegraphic messages, &c will be received at and delivered from that point.

The Beef Contractor will also deliver beef at that point to the A. C. S., who will take charge of it and make issues as heretofore.

By Order of Major D. R. Clendenin.

A true Copy.
A. Thurston
A. A. Surgn U.S.A.

A. G. Hennisee
1st Lt and Adjt. 8th Cavy
Post Adjutant.

The State of Texas }
County of Starr }

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of March A.D. 1880 a special term of the Commissioners Court of said County was begun and holden at the Court-house in Rio Grande City, when the following proceedings were had therein, to wit:

"Whereas it has been made known to this Court that small-pox in a very malignant form prevails to a great extent in the neighboring city of Camargo Mexico: and that it is necessary for the security of the health of the citizens of this County that communication therewith be restricted. Now therefore it is hereby ordered.

1st That from and after the 11th day of March A.D. 1880 at 12 o'clock, M. no person coming from the city of Camargo Mexico or its immediate vicinity shall be allowed to enter this County without a certificate in writing signed of a resident of Mexico by D. A.L. Edwards of Camargo to the effect that he the bearer is not in the opinion of said physician either from previous exposure to small-pox or other cause likely to be attacked by or likely to communicate said disease; provided that persons residing upon this side may upon producing satisfactory evidence to any health officer of such residence and that his stay was temporary at

Camargo be allowed to enter on his return.
2d All persons crossing the Rio Grande
without such certificate shall be detain-
ed at the quarantine building until they
shall procure a clean bill of health
from D. J. W. Kennedy, a Board of Surgeon
or some practicing physician.
Provided persons may if they desire
receive their fees in place of being
detained at quarantine, and no fees
shall be received by any ferryman
for crossing or recrossing unqualified per-
sons.
3d Any person evading such quarantine
shall on conviction thereof before any
Magistrate pay a fine of Twenty five
($25.00) dollars to be enforced as for
other penalties for misdemeanors.
4th The County Judge, Sheriff and J. W. Ken-
nedy are hereby constituted a board of
health for said County with power to pro-
vide quarantine buildings, appoint
station guards, make examination of
the towns in said County, and their sanitary
condition, inspect buildings, outhouses,
yards or surroundings of private dwellings
and make all such sanitary rules and
regulations as in their judgement shall
be required to carry out the objects specified,
and also to declare said quarantine at an
end; and any person who shall evade or
disobey any such regulation after
notice for a reasonable time from

any of said board or its officers shall on conviction pay a fine of Twenty five ($25.00) dollars and the expense of carrying out such order by said board.

5th Two days shall be regarded sufficient time for carrying out any order for policing premises by owners unless a longer time is expressly stated by such officer.

I James S Nix Clerk of the Commissioners Court of the aforesaid County and state do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made at the Special March term A.D. 1880 and entered for record on pages 66 and 67 in Book "A" of the minutes of said Court.

Seal

In testimony whereof I herewith sign my name and affix the seal of my office at Rio Grande City this 11th day of March A.D. 1880

(Sgd) James S. Nix
Clerk of C.C. & C.
per J H Edwards D.C.

A true copy
H. Burtis
A. A. Surgeon U.S.A.

No. 1488 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston Texas

Tel - April 13, 1880.

Rutherford T. R

Malignant Yellow Fever reported in Memphis & New Orleans upon authority of N.B.H. Please affirm or deny promptly

Answ'd by tel # 729

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Houston Tex Apl 13 1880

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To Dr Turner

Dicy B of H Wde

Malignant yellow fever reported in Memphis and New Orleans upon authority of N B of H please affirm or deny promptly.

R Rutherford
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READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco Tex

Apr 12, 1880

Brown Dr H.W.

Forwards by same mail reports for past month & past week.

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Waco Tex
Apl 12th 1880

T. J. Turner M.D.
Secty. Nat. Bd. of Health

My Dear Sir

I have despaired of any thing like regularity or uniformity in Reports of Deaths occuring in this place. Our Sexton is an Irishman & typical Irishman & from various causes he is far from any thing systematic or regular. By this mail I send you Report as he has furnished for the past month & the past week — Deaths are very imperfectly reported & the data not always reliable —.

Very Obt Servt J. W. Brown

No. 1570 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex

March 29, 1880

Combe D. C. B.

Promises his report or return. Is about to leave for Texas with Gen. Canales

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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OF HEALTH.

Brownsville 29. 3. 80

T J Tanner Esq.
Lieut 7th B.H. Cavalry
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir =

Your letter of Consent Enclosed duly rec'd. As I am on the eve of leaving Texas I can be ready for Service I made no regular report until I do so immediately upon my return I will State definitely Character of duty performed. Official knowledge can be obtained from Lieut Col at Matamoras

Yours truly
W Bleasdale

No. 1620 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ft. Bliss, Texas

ap 9, 1880.

Taylor M.E.
1st Lt. + Asst. Surg.
U.S.A.

Reports case of small pox (varioloid)

(For Lt Gen. S.H. Crane
U.S.A. ap 20/80)

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DATE April 23.

Fort Brown, Texas.
April 9th 1880.

To the
Secretary of the National Board of Health.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with Circular
No. 1, Surgeon General's Office, dated Washington
D. C. Aug. 18, 1879. I have the honor to report
a case of Small-pox (Varialoid) in Private
Pt. D. McChesney, Signal Service U.S. Army.
The source of contagion has not been traced.
I shall make further efforts. Small-pox has
been said to prevail in the Rio Grande Valley,
south & east of this place & immediately across
the river in Bayo del North, Mexico. I have
no personal knowledge of other cases than this one.
I, at present, entertain no fears of an Epidemic.
The case under consideration is as well isolated
as circumstances will permit.

over

I have Respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
W. L. Dayton
1st Lt. 2d Cpl. Serg. U.S.A.
Post Surgeon.

Sir:

The Officers of the Med. Director Dept. of the Missouri
& the Surgeon General of the Army.

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Ft. Elliott, Texas.

April 9th 1880.

Taylor. M. E.

1st Lt. 9th Cav. Asst. Surg. U.S.A.

Reports a case of Small-pox (Variola)

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Fort Leavenworth. Kas

April 16. 1880

Respectfully forwarded to the Surgeon General

C. P. Wright

Surgeon. U.S.A.

E.B.M. Asst Med'l Director

2nd Endorsement.

Surgeon Generals' Office

April 20th 1880.

Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of the National Board of Health, Washington, D. C.

L. A. Crane

Asst. Surgeon General,

U.S. Army.

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Austin Texas

April 20, 1880.

Bibb A.H.L.

Sends Burial certificate & states they have no other forms.

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V.H.
O.K.

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City Physician's Office.

R.H.L.BIBB,
City Physician.

Austin, Texas April 20th 1880

My dear Doctor:— We have no such certificates or returns as requested in yours of 15th, other than the inclosed

Very truly & Sincerely
R. H. L. Bibb

T. J. Turner M.D
See Act Surgeon Genl
Washington DC

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Belton

Texas

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Tulley D. R. P.
Health Rep.

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R. P. Talley M.D.
Health Physician
Belton
Texas

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas Texas

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Carter J. H. Dr
H. O.

Names of officers
of B. of H. &c

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513 main street

Health Office, Dallas, Texas. April 22, 1880

Dr T. J. Turner, secty, &c, —

Your communication of the 16 inst to hand.

Schedule - to wit! 1- City of Dallas.

2- Board of Health for Dallas city.

3- Composed of 8 members.

4- Powers, recommendatory only.

5- Organized in January 1880.

6- Elected by the city council for one year.

Members { J. L. Carter, M.D. H. O. & President of B. H.
Maj. John F. Elliott secty of B. H.
R. W. Allen M.D.
J. W. Crowdus M.D.
G. Schiff M.D.
Mr S. P. Cross.
" Geo. M. Dewitt
" Alexander Sanger

Post Office address of every member is Dallas Texas.

I hope this contains the information you desire, if not I will be happy to give it at any time

Your obedient servant

J. L. Carter M.D.
H.O.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Texas

Apr, 1880

Bibb R. H. L.

Pres.

Names of officers of B. of H. &c

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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Schedule.

City or State... Austin Texas

Name of Board.... Austin Board of Health

Number of Members Five

Bounds within which its authority is exercised..... City limits

When organized Present one. Nov 1877.

By whom is the Board selected?....

Appointed by the Mayor, with advice and Consent of Board of Aldermen

Names of officers and members.....

R. N. L. Bibb. M D. President ex

J. W. McLaughlin "

G. F. Wimmelberg "

F. D. Wooten "

G. E. Routt "

How often does Board meet? As required. No regular periods.

Does the Board publish its reports? no.

Post office address

Austin. Texas

No. 1828 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas Tex.

Apl 23, 1883.

Carter M.J.L.
H.O.

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Report as H. O.

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NOTED IN
BULLETIN,
DATE April 28.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
APR 27 1883

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[illegible] number of patients treated outside, among the inmates of the city [illegible] number of deaths in hospital, 31; number of deaths in the city, 210; total deaths, 241; number of stillborn children, 19; total number of paupers buried by the city, 27; cost, at $6 each, $162.

When I took charge of the hospital the first of the year, nearly all the bedding and furniture in the hospital was unfit for use from wear and much use, consequently new had to be furnished to put the hospital in a healthier condition.

The well water used at the hospital was also considered unhealthy, and was consequently abandoned, and water was supplied by the Water Works company.

The indigent treated outside of the hospital were unable to procure medicine or medical attention.

A number were treated outside that were able to buy medicine, but unable to procure medical aid. Whenever it was made known to me that the poor in any part of the city were unable to get medical aid, I responded, night or day, without distinction of race, or nationality.

PUBLIC HYGIENE.

This is a subject to which I have given a good deal of time and energy. "In the promotion of public health the end sought to be attained is both the removal of every condition, matter and thing which tends to cause ill health among the people, or in any way to abbreviate the natural life of the individual in every rank and grade in society, and the creation of all the conditions which will secure the most perfect type of physical development and the longest and most active life of which each individual is capable."

These duties may be grouped under buildings, food supply, water supply and drainage.

Almost every individual understands the necessity of constructing buildings with the view of securing plenty of free circulating air and protection from rainfall; but as to the absolute importance of draining the ground floor and ventilating it so as to secure purity and dryness of soil underneath, there seems to have been a great lack of information or neglect in the city. This is a matter that should receive the earliest attention of the Engineer or other competent authority.

Food Supply.—Good food in abundance can be secured here, of course. The public health can only be protected, however, by an energetic and vigilant Market Inspector. This is an important sanitary officer. All food supply, fresh especially, offered for sale, ought to be thoroughly inspected. This gives protection to the health and to the honest dealer.

Water supply.—Next to food pure and unadulterated water in an abundance is a protection to public health.

Germs of disease enter the human system perhaps oftener through water than through any other means.

This is a matter of very great importance and needs the protecting care of the government local and general. "The closing of low-lying wells and springs rests with boards of healths, for no other branch of the municipal government properly appreciates the necessity." "Impurities of animal origin are most to be feared in a water supply, and one privy will afford more contamination than all the swamp land that could be crowded into the whole watershed" surrounding Dallas. There exists now in this city localities that will at an early day need attention in the matter of privy contamination. The Water Supply company of this city now furnishes a plenty of pure and uncontaminated water, but it needs the protection of the public authorities to secure it from future danger. Whenever any water is suspected of impurities such as produce disease, it should be subjected to competent water-testers.

DRAINAGE.

"One of the first essential conditions of the health of a city is dryness and purity of soil." This can be secured only by deep drainage and opening of essential water-courses.

The surface water must be removed as fast as it accumulates, whether from the clouds or other sources. We have just passed through a healthy year. Some say it was a dry year. Then let every year be a dry year. This dryness can be secured by the necessary drainage. All are aware that as the rains descend through the air they do not cause disease. It is only when the water remains in the surface soil in contact with organic matter that germs of disease are engendered. If when the water comes down it finds the means of flowing immediately away to the natural water courses, we are as much protected as if it were continually dry. Good and sufficient deep drains, good streets, and good sidewalks, that will shed water and not retain moisture, are some of the greatest needs of the city as sanitary measures.

The report of the engineer will contain more on this subject. He is the proper sanitary officer to define the methods of perfect drainage.

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J. L. Carter, M. D.,
HEALTH OFFICER.
Office 107 Main St.,

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Dallas, Texas, April 23 1880

T. J. Turner M.S.N.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of my annual report as Health Officer for the City of Dallas. In the printed copy of my report the number of patients treated in the hospital was left out. 129 cases 11 = 8 which died. Viz:

Consumption	4
Enteritis	1
Carbuncle & Septicaemia	1
Typhoid Fever	1
Cerebritis from Malaria	1
Congestive Apoplexy	1
Pneumonia	2 = 11

City very healthy now

Respl

J. L. Carter M.D.
H.O.

No. 1832 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson Tex

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Brown T. a. B.

Names of Officers of B. of H.

Surgeon Gen'l

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A. P. BROWN,
Physician & Surgeon.
JEFFERSON, TEX.

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Hon. T. J. Turner. Sect. Nat Board of Health
Washington, D. C.,

Sir

Enclosed please find list as request of our Board of Health
I did not get last weeks Bulletin will you please send a copy to each of my Board of Health

A. P. Brown, Pres. B. H.
U. S. Quarantine Inspector
(when there is anything to inspect)

A. P. BROWN.
Physician & Surgeon.
JEFFERSON, TEX.

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Schedule.

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City or State.... Jefferson Texas

Name of Board.... Board of Health of Jefferson

Number of Members 5

Bounds within which its authority is exercised..... City limits & on Rail Roads leading into City and on Express Roads between this place & Shreveport La

When organized 1878

By whom is the Board elected?.... Recommended by Citizens Meeting, & appointed by Mayor

Names of officers and members.....

Dr A. P. Brown, President,
Gen. R. Beard, Sec'y
V. H. Lelaiborne, J. A. H. Hossack, & (R. D. Gibbs) Members

How often does Board meet? Once a week during Epidemics & as often as called by Pres't

Does the Board publish its reports? Yes

Post office address

Jefferson Marion Co. Tex.

(Lately moved to Gainesville Tex)

No. 1861 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Texas

Apr 23, 1880.

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City Phy

Rel to health
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City Phy. makes
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Council.

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San Antonio, Texas April 23/80.

T. J. Turner M.D.
Secty. National Bd. of Health

Dear Sir!

There has been an or=
ganization of a local Board of Health only
since 1873 in this city, which lasted about
½ year. Since then, the City Physician is
the only authorized Officer who makes re=
commendations on local sanitation to
the Mayor and City Council.

Yours
Very Respectfully
L. K. Menger,
City Physician

No. 1957 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex

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Carson Thomas

Mayor & Pres B.H.

Rel to Organization of B. of H.

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City or State.... City of Brownsville, State of Texas.

Name of Board... No Special Name, a Committee of Three Members of the Council constitute the Board of Health, with the Mayor as the President,

Number of Members { Mayor. Thomas Carson
Alderman Wm Scanlan.
" Wm A. Valls.
" Adolph Bollack.

Bounds within which its authority is exercised.... Brownsville Corporation

When organized at each election

By whom appointed.... By Mayor and Aldermen

The Law of Texas vests the right of Boards of Health, in the Mayor and aldermen

Names of officers and members.....

Mayor Thomas Carson, President.
Alderman Wm Scanlan
Wm A. Valls
Adolph Bollack.

How often does Board meet? Every Monday

Does the Board publish its reports? No!

Post office address

Brownsville
Cameron County
State of Texas.

No. 2003 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville, Tex

May, 1880

Wolff & Co. S.
H.O.

Rel. to Health
Board Organization
&
Change his name
from Wolf to Wolff

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City or State Brownsville Cameron Co. Texas

Name of Board No Name

Number of Members Four

Bounds within which its authority is exercised City Corporation

When organized At each Election.

By whom is the Board elected Mayor and Aldermen

Name of officers and members

Thomas Carson Mayor.
Wm A. Walls. Alderman
Wm Scanlan do
Adolph Bollack do

How often does Board meet Once a week Mondays.

Does the Board publish reports No.

Post office address

Arthur S. Wolff M D
Health Officer
Brazos Santiago & Brownsville

Brownsville
Cameron Co
Texas

Note.
My Name is Wolff and not Wolf.

No. 7319 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall, Texas.
May , 1880.

Cope, Dr. J. H.

Relative to organization of board of health at Marshall.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.
MAY 28 1880
D. C.

Schedule.

City or State.... Marshall, Texas, has no Board
Name of Board.... of Health nor Health Physician *

Number of Members
Bounds within which its authority is exercised.....

When organized
By whom is the Board elected?...

Names of officers and members.....

How often does Board meet?
Does the Board publish its reports?
Post office address

* There is a "Sanitary Board" organized for purpose of advising the Mayor and Council in matters pertaining to the health of the city. The Mayor is Chairman. The members consist of three of the City Council appointed by the Mayor, and three physicians appointed by the County Medical Society. The members draw no pay and have no executive powers. The Board generally meets about once every two weeks during the Summer. Resp. M. H. Pope,

No. 7324 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall, Texas
May 23, 1880.

Pope, Dr. J. H.

Sends copy of health ordinance passed by Common Council of Marshall, requiring burial permits. Remarks thereon.

NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE June 1.

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MAY 28 1880
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DATE
NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH

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Corresp. Rep.

Marshall, Texas. Dr. J. H. Pope writes as follows, under date of May 23:

Marshall, Texas, May 23, 1880.

Dr. J. J. Turner,
Sec. N. B. of H.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of an ordinance recently passed by the Common Council of Marshall requiring Burial Permits, and to go into effect June 1, 1880. Also an amended ordinance requiring all cases of Contagious and infectious diseases to be reported to the Authorities.

There are some difficulties in the way of a rigid enforcement of these ordinances, but I hope, in time, they will be overcome. We have a population of less than 7000 scattered on an area of three miles square. A large proportion of this population is Colored, ~~have no~~ many of them have no physician when they are sick: they often bury their dead, with no one present but the immediate family, the coffin being made and the grave dug by some of the family or a near neighbour. This is especially the case, when the deceased is an infant. The ordinary methods of publishing the City ordinances are practically no notice to a majority of the Colored population, as they cannot read. We hope, however, by the efforts of

the physicians during their practice amongst these people, and by the cooperation of the colored preachers, to have the requirements of the ordinance concerning Burial Permits sufficiently advertised to make its operations thorough.

If the law proves to be efficient, I hope to have regular mortuary Reports made by our authorities to the N. B. of H. The present mayor and Common Council seem to take considerable interest in the matter. I hope their successors will be equally zealous.

Marshall has no City physician nor Board of Health. A Sanitary Board is organized by the Mayor appointing three members of the Common Council, and the County Medical Society appointing three of its members, and the Mayor acting as Chairman of the Board. The function of the Board is to advise the City Authorities in matters pertaining to ~~Sanitation~~ the Health of the City.

Very Respectfully,

Jno. H. Pope,

City Ordinances

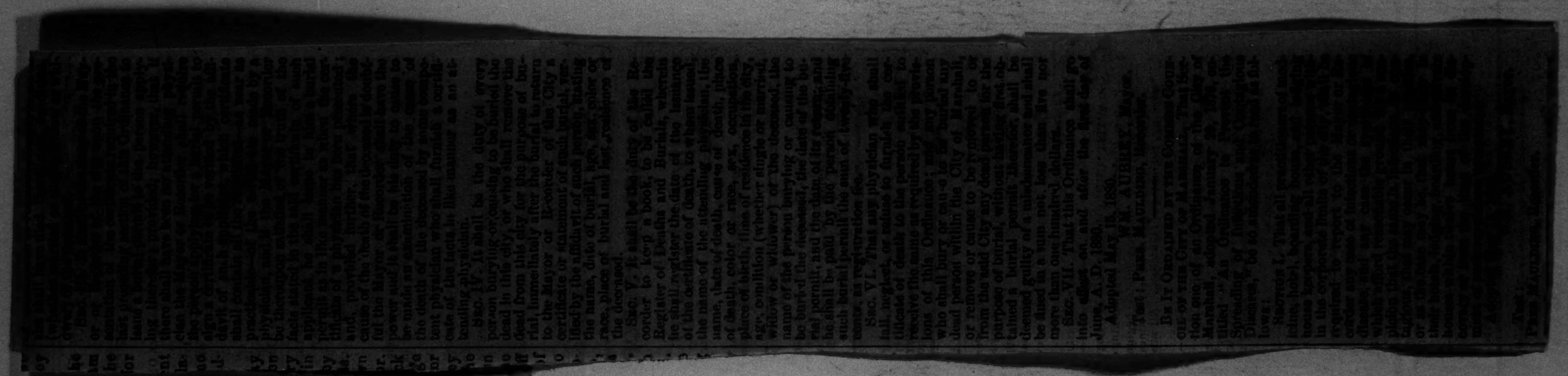
The following ordinances relating to the Department of Health were passed by the Common Council of the City of New York, and approved by the Mayor, May 31, 1880:

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Consolidation Ordinances of 1862, entitled "Of the Department of Health, and of the Regulation of Interments, and Prevention of Diseases Dangerous to Life and Health."

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 19 of the Consolidation Ordinances of 1862, entitled "Of the Department of Health, and of the Regulation of Interments, and Prevention of Diseases Dangerous to Life and Health," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There shall be a Board of Health, consisting of the Mayor, the Recorder, the Commissioner of Police, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Commissioner of Public Parks, the Commissioner of Public Charities and Correction, the Commissioner of Docks, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Buildings, the Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments, the Commissioner of Jurors, the Commissioner of Records, the Commissioner of Accounts, the Commissioner of Fire Department, the Commissioner of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Ferries, the Commissioner of Bridges, the Commissioner of Markets, the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, the Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Charities, the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, the President of the Department of Public Works, the President of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the President of the Board of Supervisors, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Police Department, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Fire Department, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Instruction, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Parks, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Works, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Buildings, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Markets, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Correction, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Charities, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Public



No. 2458. "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Corpus Christi, Texas
May 4, 1880.

Spohn, Arthur E.

Rel. to local health organization.

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Corpus Christi Texas
May 4th 1883

J. S. Turner Esq

Secy Industrial Board &c &c

Sir:

In reply to your Communication of 16th inst I have the honor to furnish you with the following information relative to the Board heretofore this City:

Name of Board ---- Corpus Christi
Number of Members ---- Five
Board within which its Authority is exercised ---- City limits, Corpus Christi Bay - Nueces and Corpus Christi Pass.
When Organized ---- 1867 - Elected annually since
By whom is the Board Elected ---- City Council
Names of Officers and Members ----
J. B. Murphy - Mayor, Pt. Off -
James M. Hunter
George French } Aldermen of the City -
Charles Carroll
Arthur Peabody N.D. Health Officer.
How often does the Board meet ---- Weekly -
Does the Board Publish its reports ---- Yes -
Post-Office address - Corpus Christi
Nueces County - Texas -

Respectfully Yours -
Arthur Peabody

No. 2517 State Reports.

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Texas,
June 2, 1880

Brown, Dr. H.W.

States burial permits are required. Rel. to local health organization,

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P. Turner M D
Sec. Nat. Bankers Assn
Washington
D. C.

My Dear Sir. I notice in your 3rd
Reports of Wards Lex you are
slightly in error. 1st We have a Board
of Health appointed by Mayor, of one
Member of Council from each one of
8 Wards — Myself Considered Med Officer
in Case of necessity. Again. Burial
Permits are required the Sexton de-
mands them & from his monthly reports to
City Council. I report to you. Yours Respy. H.W. Brown

No. 2532 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

City Physicians Office
Austin, Texas
June 11, 1880

Bibb, A. H. L.

Wants to know how he can obtain a copy of the Medical and Surgical History of the War.

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City Physician's Office.

R.H.L.BIBB.
City Physician

Austin, Texas June 11th 1880

Dr. J. J. Turner USN
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor— Can you aid me in procuring a copy of last vol of "Medical and Surg. history of Rebellion"? I have the true list issued and applied to Hon. Geo. W. Jones Mc from Texas who advises me that the number accorded him have been distributed; and of his inability to procure another copy. If you can possibly aid me in obtaining one, you will place under many and lasting obligations.

Very Truly & Sincerely
R. H. L. Bibb

No. 2770 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall, Texas

July 1, 1880.

Pope Dr Jno. H.

Correction of Bulletin # 47
rel to officers of
health in State
of Texas.
Gives officers
of Galveston
Bd of Health

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Marshall, Texas,
July 1, 1880.

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Dr. J. J. Turner,
Sec. N. B. of H.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor:

In making list of
Bds of Health in the U.S., pub-
lished in No 47, N.B. of H. Bulletin, an
Error is made in giving Texas a State
Board of Health. I must ask a correc
-tion as I am accredited with the
honor of being the President.

We have no State Board. Dr. R.
Rutherford, Houston, Texas, is State
Health officer.

I see, also, that Galveston did not
report her City Board of Health. The
Galveston Bd. is one of the best in the State.
Dr. Watts is President; Dr. Clark Camp
-bell is Secretary.

Please remember me to Dr. Billings.

Very Truly Yours, Jno. H. Pope,

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Navasota Tex

July 2, 1880.

Kilpatrick D A.R.

Health Report.

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Navasota, Texas. 2d July 1880.

Dr. J. J. Turner.
Secry: Nat. Bd. Health.

Dear Sir.

The 10th U.S. Census having been taken in June, the population of this place is found far less than what was usually estimated. The Enumerator reports 1645 as the total white and black (or colored) population.

There were 4 white deaths in May 1880; one woman aged 30 years and her male infant, 7 weeks old, both from Phthisis Pulmonalis; one white male, aged 43 years, Phthisis Pulmonalis – neither were residents, but came here shortly before death to die amongst relatives; one white idiot female, aged 19 years; general prostration and prolonged use of morphine and Chloral Hydrate to produce quiet and needed rest.

Two colored deaths; one male aged 19 years, from hepatization of ~~right~~ left lung, 3 months duration; one child from unknown disease, and one still born.

In June 1880 – one white male infant, aged 8 months, from dentition and Cholera Infantum; one colored male aged 11 months, from diarrhea and stomatitis.

Within the last ten days the customary fevers have been prevalent, but more in the country than in town.

Two white children in one family, girl aged 7 yrs. & boy aged 5 yrs. died the same day from congestion of brain, caused by exposure to sun & playing in a pond at noon. They died the last day of June, 3 miles in country.

May The lowest Temperature was 58° on 2d 59° on 1st – the highest was 94°, 2 p.m. on 12th May – general range from 60° to 88°

June Rains on 9 days, some very heavy; no rain-gauge.

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June - Lowest Temp. 65° at 5 a.m. 18th June 1880; 88°
at 1 p.m. same day.
Highest Temp. 94° on the 1st at 1 p.m. & 92° on 29th
Genral range from 76° to 90°
The night are pleasant, and from 3 to 5 a.m. some bed
cover is required when the windows are up.
Rains on 9 days, but none as heavy as in May.

There cases of Ophthalmia in my family and other cases
in town. A few cases of Parotiditis, none severe.
Within the last two months I believe there have been
6 white births and as many Colored in town.

The returns of the Census Enumerators in several towns
show a great falling behind in population from the
estimates, ranging from one thousand to ten thousand; while in
the country, or rural population, the figures hold
out well and sometimes exceed estimates.
In the Western, or border counties, the returns are in
most places very satisfactory, in fact surprising.
Many are disposed to claim that when the returns
are all in, that Texas will be entitled to from 12
to 16 Congressmen, and some say even more.

I remain Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Servt
A. P. Kilpatrick, M.D.

P. S. You may have noticed the newspaper reports of
the growing crops in Texas. The oats and rye in this part
of the State were above average - we grow no wheat.
The corn crop is made and is far above average in all
this part of Texas and some have engaged to sell corn at 25¢ a
bushel. The cotton crop is very good and if the cotton worm
does not come we will need additional help to gather it.
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No. 2868 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Fort Ringgold

June 30, 1880

Smith Surg. Jos R
Med Director, Dist.
Texas
Forwards health
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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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J.V. Fort Ringgold, Texas Under date of June 30, Surgeon Jos. K. Smith, U.S.A., makes the following report:

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Extract from Report of Sick & Wounded, Ft Ringgold, for June 1880

June 30th 1880 As far as I can learn, no new cases of small-pox have occurred in Rio Grande city, Texas, during the month; nor any deaths from this cause.

The cases occurring since my first report have been chiefly among persons visiting the town from surrounding Ranches.

The vaccinations and re-vaccinations reported as being practiced on May 30th 1880 were unsuccessful.

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A true extract respectfully forwarded for the information of the National Board of Health

3 Jos. K. Smith
Surgeon U.S. Army
Medical Director D.G.

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No. 7959 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Texas

July 15, 1880.

Coleman Dr W.L.

Desires an opportunity to establish or refute his theory as to origin of yellow fever.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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San Antonio Texas
July 15th 1880.

Dr T. J. Turner
Washington

Dear Sir

Conscious that my work of last summer was not satisfactory to the board I earnestly desire an opportunity of either establishing the theories I advanced or of refuting them, or in other words to elucidate truth & facts only. Dr Billings in his last to me said "that so far as the investigation of yellow fever is concerned it was best in these investigations to appoint men who were not thoroughly convinced in their views. Now I am no bigot & only desire to establish truth & fact and in each successive epidemic through which I have passed I have been forced by experience & observation to abandon some pet theory. Twenty-five years ago I believed and wrote that yellow fever was a disease of local origin, & that it originated wherever it prevailed and could not be transported, was contagious &c.

but in the light of experience I have abandoned
such views as utterly false, and I am as
ready to-day to repudiate any theory I have
advanced if experience proves it untrue.-
If I had the means I would not apply
to the National Board for assistance to prosecute
these investigations but would have been in
New Orleans thirty days ago feeling confident
from what I saw there last Summer that
yellow fever would be imported again, and
I am more anxious than ever to establish
the truth or falsity of my position, that the
hibernating germ Cannot produce a general
epidemic, and that it requires the importation
of the foreign germ every year in order
for the disease to prevail as an epidemic.
I have been watching closely the progress of
the disease in the West Indies & South America
during the past winter & Spring & have
frequently expressed the opinion that we
would again have a general epidemic this
Summer & I believe it will break through our
Texas quarantine & scourge our State as it
did in 1867. Of Course this is only an opinion

based upon observations of the past and I hope I may be mistaken. I hope you will pardon this long Communication and if there is any work under the Board in the investigation of this subject - to which you could assign me. I will be grateful for the appointment, but - repeating that - if I had the means I would not make this application, much preferring to do the work on my own responsibility. I will close by saying that Malarial fevers have been more prevalent in San Antonio than ever before, and that several Car loads of rags have been shipped North from this point - which have been gathered principally by Mexicans among whom the Small Pox prevailed last year & it is possible these rags may convey the germs of that loathsome disease to the points to which they are shipped. it would be well for the Authorities to look after them. -

Yours Respectfully
W. L. Coleman

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin, Texas

Tel aug 6., 1880.

Roberts O. M.
Govr

Rel. to appointment of Dr a. P. Brown as Inspector at Jefferson Texas.

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WASHINGTON DC. DEAR SIR. I WOULD BE PLEASED FOR DR.A.P.BROWN TO BE APPOINTED HEALTH

INSPECTOR FOR JEFFERSON TEXAS AS HE WAS LAST YEAR. THE RIVER IS UP AND CONSTANT

COMMUNICATION WITH NEWORLEANS WHERE QUARANTINE IS NOT VERY STRICT AND PERHAPS

INSPECTION IS NOW NECESSARY AT JEFFERSON AND NO STATE PROVISION FOR THAT PLACE HAS

BEEN MADE. PLEASE ANSWER. O.M.ROBERTS. GOVR. LIX PAIDB.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex.

Aug 30, 1880.

Menger D. R.,
City Phy

Forwards a sanitary paper on conditions of above place which he asks to have published in Bulletin and two copies containing the same sent to him.

Sends pamphlet Ex. Com.ee

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San Antonio, Tex., August 30th 1878

Dr. T. J. Turner
Secretary National Board of Health
Washington D. C.

Dear Dr!

You would greatly oblige me by publishing the annexed sanitary report concerning our city - and if I can in future furnish for your journal any interesting information, concerning statistics, etc - shall do it with greatest pleasure! - Not being quite as familiar as well the german language, I would be thankful if you correct me at the other mistake.

P.S. When published, please send me a few copies and oblige

Yours very truly

J. R. Menger

San Antonio, Texas, Aug 29/1880.

Dr. T. J. Turner
Secretary National Board of Health Bulletin

Dear Editor!

Being today presented by the Hon. Mayor of San Antonio with a number of your valuable Health Bulletins, I would respectfully beg leave to reply to (answer) an article, written by Dr. H. C. Coleman formerly of this city, dated Feb. 5, 1880, page 275, concerning the sanitary condition and diseases of San Antonio. Dr. Coleman says in this communication: "The mortuary report of the city Physician shows only 125 deaths from small pox; which is certainly incorrect, as I have reliable information that there were 1750 cases in all, and the death rate was fully 25 pr cent. Many deaths from that disease were reported under the head of congestion, inflamation of the brain, &c, showing an evident design on the part of the authorities to conceal from the public the progress of the disease. The city is at last free from this loathsome disease; a state of things which might have (!) been accomplished months ago by a very little effort on the part of the authorities. The great wonder is that it did not spread more rapidly and to a greater extent, as I have on several occasions met negroes on the street covered with maturing pustules, etc".

By looking over the number of deaths from small pox as recorded in the city records, I readily notice, that there were really 9 cases overlooked, perhaps by overturning a page, (and it is asserted also that) but nevertheless the percentage was (is by far not) as large as Dr. Coleman reported. That 750 cases existed, is also a doubtful estimation. Those cases headed: "congestion of the brain" were very doubtful cases of variolois and that "negroes with matured pustules" were met by Dr. Coleman on the streets, could only (have) been the case from fresh cases coming from the country - which has happened often in the later days of the epidemic. These cases were always removed to the Pesthouse and in one case, a negro man had to be handled by the Police for (two) days, (the man being delirious).

How difficult it is to enforce strict hygienic measures amongst the negro population is very correctly stated by (Inspector) Dr. John H. Pope,

in a communication written to the Bulletin October 26, 1879, page 161, as follows: „It is difficult to ascertain exactly the number of cases in the city. No house to house inspection has been made. In some instances the first time the ~~disease~~ case was reported was when the burial permit was asked for. It seems to be a difficult matter – indeed impossible – to induce the Mexicans to report small-pox or other diseases existing in their families. Sometimes, for fear they will be found, parents will secretly take their children, who have small-pox, and hide them at another jakal, until they recover or die. This has been the means of spreading the disease during this year, in at least one (the first case) instance." (the first cases)."

Sporadic cases of small-pox, have occured occasionally since for years, when strict isolation in camps or in the Pesthouse were enforced and no new infection occurred in the city. San Antonio, according to the late census with a population of 20697 inhabitants, is situated in a valley on both sides of the San Antonio River and is divided into 4 Wards. In the 1st and 2d ward the greatest number of inhabitants are Mexicans with but few Americans, Negroes or Germans and in the 3d and 4th ward mostly ~~americans~~, Germans, Americans and Negroes are living. This old historic city has its many peculiarities. Whilst one portion is inhabited by Americans and Germans, the others are Mexicans, Polanders and Irish. In the central parts of town the handsomest buildings ornamented with all modern luxury are to be seen, whilst the streets and pavements are in many places so cracked and disorderly build that they ~~often~~ give rise to a constant complaint. In the western and southern suburbs are to be seen the mexican huts or Jackals, ~~mixed~~ the poorest to human buildings (known made from ~~as~~ posts, cane and plastering with mud. The roof is generally of palmtrees and many to of these huts are decorated with ~~nailed up~~

with boards, ~~stowing~~ town signs, barrel staves, bones, tincans, bearbottles, and coal-oil cans cut into pieces. One or more families often occupy such a hut and nearly always possess a family of dogs or other domestic animals living in their homes. ~~or hogs~~ These people live so uncleanly, without any ventilation of their houses, (all have but a small opening called a window), that it is a real wonder, that no more sickness in general is observed among them. The negroes are by far better off in domestic and hygienic living and it may be for this reason, that ~~not more~~ the deathrate from small pox during the late epidemics was not ⅔ one third as high than that of the Mexicans.

Our city ~~at present presents a lively appearance~~ is well supplied with good water. There exist several, irrigating ditches with their main current the San Antonio River, a most beautiful stream which takes a wounding direction through the central parts of the city. We are also ~~supply~~ provided with Railroads, streetcars and a fine system of waterworks. It is with regret to mention, that the hydrantwater is accessible only to the wealthier population, whilst the poor class, to a great extent, is compelled to use well, cystern, or ditchwater which is often polluted with filth and refuse matter.

The sudden and heavy rains reigning throughout the surrounding county in summer purify and refresh the atmosphere and thoroughly drain the streets, gutters and alleys which has no doubt much to do with the healthfulness of the city. These rains although also do much harm ~~in places~~ to the public health in places where weeds are in abundance, & producing stagnant of waterpools which can not evaporate. ≠

≠ The City has a County Poorhouse, a Morgue, and a Sisters Charity Hospital; (These institutions the both) are disposed of for destitute and sick paupers only and it is possible that soon or later we will have a first class hospital to answer all purposes. We have first class Physicians and many strangers visit this place

for medical treatment or Operations. ~~The City physician has quite a large area field of practice on account of the extention of the city limits.~~ We keep correct weekly & monthly and yearly mortuary records of each ward; monthly sickreports; burialstatistics; reports of the City Physician to the City council on local sanitation; free vaccination; medical and surgical attendance to all paupers of the city including all strangers not belonging to the county. The city is cleansed thoroughly & and when necessary disinfected during the month of July and a party of men are always kept on hand to remove the filth, refuse matter etc outside of the city limits, where it is burned.

Very Respectfully
Yours

J. K. Menger.
City Physician

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≠ The natural drainage of the City is very good, but there exist many obstructions, especially in summer nearly all valleys, as also side-walks and vacant lots are covered with dense weeds or brush. This for itself is a great nuisance and where gutters or alleys exist ~~the~~ such weeds (must be removed. do damage to the public health. In the outskirts and in some vacant ~~lots~~ townlots, where weeds cover the entire ground, an offensive odour is maintained, especially at rainy weather; this may perhaps is caused by persons who are in want of a privy; - and it is a known fact, that the negroes and some negroes have or use no privy.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex

Aug 31, 1880.

Menger DR
City Phy

Sends additional
matter for Bulletin
rel. to privy system.
Asks that his report
on sanitary condition
of San Antonio be
printed in full

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San Antonio, Aug. 31/80

Dr. T. J. Turner
Secretary ~~Bo~~ National Board of Health
Washington

Dear Sir!

In sending my report yesterday I forgot to mention a few words over our privy system, and thus respectfully ask to publish the following below "Drainage and weeds": A great many of the privys are in bad condition, some are foller, others leak and still others are built to close to wells or flowing water. The best method to keep these privies in a good sanitary condition would be, to wall them out with cement, at least all those which are spoiled. Cement privies are by far more durable and healthier; they scarcely give rise to offensive odours and when well cemented - don't leak. We have of late a large ~~coo~~ and excellent Cementfactory and a few gallons barrels of this cement prove to be very durable so that wagons and horses do no damage. They are ~~odour~~ more odourless because they can more easily and readily be cleansed, especially where hydrantwater can be used. The wells and cysterns also should be built of cement. I am assured, over the half of all complaints against Healthoffices would at once cease, as ~~soo~~ and typhus - malarial fevers, cholera morbus, typhus, senteritis etc - would become seldom as soon as the ~~co~~ City and county authorities would enforce a system accordg to the above recommendations. "

In conclusion, I would respectfully request that my report concerning the Sanitary condit of San Antonio, be published in full - because I am assured that such reports - when published in Your Journal do more good and are with greater care read by the authorities, than any local report to the city council is able to do.

Thanking you for fullfilling my request

I remain most respectfully Yours Menger

No. 3711 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Navasota Texas

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Kilpatrick D. A. R.
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Report of Correspondent.

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Narasota, Texas. 2d Sept. 1880.

Dr. J. J. Turner, U.S.N.
Secry. Nat.l Bd. Health.

Dear Sir.

I have an unusual mortality to report for the two last months, and the most of the cases were of a congestive character associated with malaria. One white unmarried female aged 21 years, congestion of bowels; died on 14th July. Same day, one German f. 32 yrs. malarial fever - proximate cause of death malpractice in parturition by negro woman - eversion of uterus. 21st negro child, f. aged 13 mo. marasmus. Same day, negro boy, aged 18 mo. general decline, marasmus, want of attention. White child aged 12 mo. Congestion of brain, 23d (Sudden). Same day, negro boy, aged 3 yrs. phthisis pulmonalis. German boy, aged 6 yrs. same day, malarial fever and congestion of bowels and brain. Negro woman same day, aged 27 yrs. Phthisis pulmonalis; 25th negro boy aged 8 mo. injured by fall.

Four whites, 2 adult females, 2 male children; 3 cases were Congestion. Five Colored, 2 children from marasmus, one negro child and one adult female from Consumption - Total, 9 in July. Lowest temperature in July, was 66°. F. on Saturday 24th at 7 a.m. From the 23d to 31st the weather was mild, ranging from 66° to 88°; - The highest temperature, was 94°, on the 6th and 7th at 2 p.m. The range at that hour during the month was from 72° to 92°. On the 28th 7 a.m. 76°, 2 p.m. 72° 9 p.m. 71° Rain on 10 days, generally attended with thunder, viz:- 13th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22d, 26th, 27th, 28th, 30th.

August - White German f. aged 4 years, congestion of bowels; died on 4th - White f. aged 6 mo. on 12th injured by fall, pneumonia, Negro f. aged 42 yrs. suppressio mensi and apoplexy, 12th White m. aged 9 yrs. Congestion of brain, 12th. Negro m. aged 17 mos. ~~dentition~~ and marasmus.

Hebrew m. non-resident aged 50 yrs. general congestion, 24th.

German m. 3 yrs. malarial fever and congestion, 24th.
White m. 18 mos. general decline, marasmus (a twin) 24th.
White m. 43 yrs. congestion of bowels 25th.
White f. 54 yrs. congestion of brain 29th.

Whites - 8 - males 4 - females 4 - five cases of congestion.

Colored - 2 - one adult f. apoplexy - one child marasmus.

Total for August, 10.

The lowest temperature for Aug. 66° at 7 a.m. on 4th and 5th From the 3d to the 8th the weather was mild, ranging from 66° to 88°. — The highest temperature was 100° 31st; the range of temperature at 2 p.m. being from 80° to 94°, usually.

Heavy Rain 2½ inches on 2d; showers on 7 days, but moderate, viz:- 2d, 10th, 11th, 15th, 25th, 26th, 27th, - heavy showers in other places, and storms on the coast on 12th & 13th.

Ophthalmia is prevalent, and has been all summer.

It becomes my sad duty to state that my wife is one of the cases above reported, the one on 29th aged 54 years of cerebral congestion. She had been crippled in 1852 on the burning steam packet "Henry Clay," at Yonkers, Hudson River N.Y. when her spine was injured by falling from upper to lower deck. She suffered from the injury, and there was partial paraplegia, which impaired locomotion. Again on 24th Feb. 1876 she fell down the front steps of our dwelling, which fractured the left illium and partly disjointed the sacrum, from which she never was relieved; was never able to stand or walk. She suffered greatly with sciatica and neuralgia. She was seized with Congestive chill on 23d Aug. and grew worse and died comatose on 29th

Respectfully
Your Ob.st Serv.t
A. R. Kilpatrick, M. D.

No. 3787 "State Report"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Tex

Sept. 6, 1880.

Brown D M.W.

Complains that no reports on above place appear in Bulletin

Gives population &c &c.

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OF HEALTH

Waco Tex
Sept 6th 1880

T. J. Turner M.D.
Secty Nat'l Bd of Health
Washington D.C.

Hy Dear Dr.

For some time
past I have failed to
see any report from or
notice of our Town. and
am at some loss to know
the reason - Some time
since I wrote to you
explaining the reason
for some irregularity
in forwarding Reports of
deaths, (by for blk Cards)
The fact is, as before
stated, our Sexton is by
our City only required
to make a monthly

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Return to City Recorder
of deaths, or burials which
have taken place. The
physician attending is
required to file a Blk
Certificate of death, Col
age & Cause of death that a
So much is required
and is attended to pretty
regularly But it is
not Easy to secure from
him these reports weekly.
I have done the best
possible in this matter to
have his promise for
prompt weekly returns
If you fail to receive
the reports made for the
past two Please advise
me & of any particulars
in reference to reports, not
specified & yet desired

I. His endeavours to deceive them from the
Outset.

The population of our City may reported incorrectly at first which led to some confusion / As compared they Claim 2000 while 2500 Bldg — We have had no Epidemic or Sickness of any Kind worthy to mention for half a year or so — and only now beginning to have a Sprinkle of Variolaid fever, seldom presenting complication of any interest

Do. Mention Please to Answer at your earliest Convenience

Yours Obt Servt H W Brown

No. 4001. "State Reports"
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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio,
Tex.
Sept 18, 1880.

Menger D.R.

asks if his article
rel. to report of Dr.
Coleman on conditions
of San Antonio was
printed in Bulletin
as requested & if so
to send him a copy.
See 3676, 3643.

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San Antonio, Tex. Sept 18th 1880

Dr. T. J. Turner
Secretary National Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

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Permit me, to inquire, if You received a report concerning an article of Dr. Coleman - and the Sanitary condition of San Antonio. I have been now four years City Physician of this City - and for the welfare of our City, (and honor) I would respectfully request again, to soon sent a Copy of my report.

Hoping to hear soon from You

I remain

Very Respectfully

Yours

J. K. Menger

No. 4005 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston, Texas

Sept 20, 1880.

Coleman Dr. W. L.

Reports health of community and asks that Bulletin be sent to 213 Washington St. Houston Texas

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Address changed

TH. ack'd

25. Bulletin

NOTED IN BULLETIN. DATE Sept. 25

Houston Texas
Sep. 20th 1880.

Dr. J. J. Turner
Washington

Dear Sir

Since my last I have changed my location from San Antonio to Houston— Came her Aug. 1st and have been very busy ever since. It has rained upon an average four days out of every seven for the last two months and Malarial fevers have been more prevalent than ever before. During the month of August they were generally of an intermittent type but since Sep. 1st they have been Continued and remittent. A Norther prevailed during the first week of Sep. lasting three days, with 54° as the lowest temperature, followed by a rapid increase in the number of fever cases. I have treated 130 cases successfully in the last six weeks, and it is estimated that there are over 3000 cases in Houston now. The average duration of the fever is three days, some few cases lasting seven, and

the patients generally suffer with the most intense, lasting headache, supra-orbital, together with pain in the back and stomach, that I have ever known in fevers of any kind, and in children under five it is generally accompanied by Convulsions. There has been considerable tendency to hemmorhage from the nose and other mucous surfaces, with great nausea. I have treated four cases of malarial hæmaturia which yielded readily to large doses of Ergot, Quinine & opium.

Houston in a word is filthy and in the best condition for the spontaneous origin of Yellow fever that it has been for the past twenty years, but fortunately that Scourge cannot prevail here without the introduction of foreign germs and, ~~and~~ the National Board of Health by its vigilance is preventing their importation. I would be glad to have my Bulletin addressed 213 Washington Street Houston

Yours Respectfully

W. L. Coleman M. D.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex

Sept ,1880.

Menger R
City Phy.

Rel. to Dr Colemans
report upon San Antonio

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Office of A. Nette, Jun.

APOTHECARY AND DRUGGIST,

AND DEALER IN

Patent Medicines, Trusses and Perfumeries,

OPPOSITE GRENETS.

Sure Cure for TAPEWORM in 3 hours.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 1870

T. J. Turner, M.D.
Secretary N. B of H. Washington
Dear Dr

I have again read over Dr Colemans report, which I ~~re~~ partially answered, and I find in comparing the same with our old city records, that Coleman has been entirely falsely instructed. The oldest mortuary records of this city, which, although not complete as then existed nor strict ~~stat~~ mortuary and burial statistics; still show, that a great per cent. of fevers existed in this city in olden times. The reports of 1867 show, that there were 18 deaths from typhoid fever, 5 from dysenteric fevers, 1 from yellow fever, 13 from asiatic cholera and 18 from malarial fevers. In 1868 there were 15 deaths from typh. fever, 5 from remittent fever, 6 cholera asiatica, 12 malaria, yellow fever 2; cong. fever 2. In comparing these reports with those of 1879 it is to be seen, that

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in the months of June and July a great number of malaria, pernicious and typhoid fever occured, whilst in 1879 none of these diseases are recorded in the month of August. — It I clearly remember, how extremely filthy some portions of our city were 10–20 years ago, the streets in the City, the marketplaces, plazas and alleys were in a most miserable condition until about 8 yrs ago when our city had decidedly improved in a sanitary point of view.

If I had more time to spare, I could contradict the whole of Dr Colemans report, — but it shall be a great satisfaction to me — if I receive my first reports published in your Journal.

Hoping this to be last time in troubling You about this matter

I remain Sirs

Very Respectfully

R. Munzer

City Surveyor

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco
Tex
Sept 27th, 1880.
Brown Hill

Forwards Reports and asks for blank cards.

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Send Cards Oct. 2

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Waco Tex
Sept 27th 1880

J. J. Turner M.D.
Secretary N.B. Health
D.C.

My Dear Sir. I am at a loss to understand the failure to receive at your Office the Reports named in your Communication Dated Leaven by this mail forwarded the same, as obtained from Books of Our City Recorder, Hope they may be understood Satisfactory. If you will send me Blks will do my best to have them Mailed you Regularly. Dr have no little trouble to get them, however. —

I am Very Resply
N.W. Brown

No. 4163 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Tex.
Sept 29, 1880.

Menger, H. R.

Returns thanks for publication of his communication and asks for copies Bulletin containing same.

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Sent 10 copies Oct. 4th
4 V.St. and Oct 4/80

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San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 29 1880

Dr. T. J. Turner
Secretary National Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir!

Please accept my best thanks for your letter received Sept 28th, and send a few copies of the Bulletin containing my communications.

Yours
Very Respectfully
S. R. Mengus.

No. 4259 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Tex.
Oct 2, 1880.

Menger, H. K.
City Physician.
Report on Sanitary condition of San Antonio; being in the nature of a reply to Dr. Coleman's report on the same subject

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OFFICE OF
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A. GAST & CO. ST. LOUIS.

San Antonio, Tex Octob 2d 1880.

Dr. T. J. Turner
Sec. N. B. of H.
Washington. D C.

Dear Sir!

I have this date looked over the city records and find, that there is no registry of deaths in this city kept before ~~1875~~ December 1875. The records in possession of my office date as far as ~~1867~~ April 1867 to December 1872 when a Board of Health existed. It seems from communications to the City Council at that time, that there existed a great difficulty between the Board of Health and the City Council, so that the Board kept their records only in possession; but since Dec 1875 the city has kept an a strict and correct mortuary report.

You may fully rely on my report concerning the ~~f~~ oldest Statistics, - and I now very respectfully ask, if the whole of my report is not available to be published in your valuable Bulletin. ~~If this is not the case, I respectfully ask to~~ to please return the whole to

Yours most Respectfully
Obt. Servt.
J. K. Mengue
City Physician

314 (please publish this repot at first — and throw the Mortuary repot which is in your possession :) —.

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The water ditches are the receptacle of all manner of filth and refuse matter, and as the water from them is used by the lower classes for all purposes, it is undoubtedly the cause of malarial and typhoid fevers among them. The older physicians say that malarial fevers are unknown here until within the last three or four years, and the ditches are the only source to which I can attribute their origin. They were originally dug by the old monks for irrigating purposes, and while thus used they were clean and free from accumulations, but as the town increases they become filthier every year. The water is shut off once a year during the month of February, for the purpose of cleaning them out, and this process consists of a gang of men dragging the years accumulation of mud, filth, and rubbish from the banks and leaving it to fester in the sun and to be washed back by the first rain. The result is a notable increase of malarial troubles immediately after. There is less attention paid by the authorities to the sanitary condition of the city than in any other place of its size in the Union (2) the drainage is yearly becoming worse, and stagnant pools are of frequent occurrence after rains. The yellow-fever poison would revel in a place like this, and I predict that the next time that disease invades our State it will prevail here, because the citizens rest in fancied security, thinking the place too high above the level of the sea for yellow-fever to exist. (no doubt)

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There is no doubt much truth in the above repost, but

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if Dr. Coleman had studied the mortuary records of our city and compared the oldest records with those of 1879 he would nevertheless certainly have made a better sanitary repost of San Antonio, condemning malarial fevers, than in the above.

It is not correct, entirely false, that there existed no malarial fevers in this city before 1876. The oldest mortuary records of this city — although they are incomplete, as there existed no strict law in reporting deaths, cases and furnishing burial-permits — still show, what a great percentage of fevers existed many years ago. The mortuary statistic of the entire year 1867 shows, that there were 8 deaths from typhoid fever; 5 from dysenteric fever; 1 from ~~Asiatic Cholera~~ Yellow fever; 13 from the Asiatic Cholera; and 18 from malarial fevers. For the year 1868 the deaths were from: typhoid fever 15; from pernicious fever 5; Cholera infant. 7; Asiatic Cholera 6; ~~malarial fevers 12~~; dysentery 8; Yellow fever 2; congestive fever 2. (and malarial fevers 12) In comparing these reports with those of the year 1879 it is to be seen, that in 1879 there were 13 deaths from typhoid fever (and only 3 from) malarial fevers; (18 from) Cholera infant.; (and) no deathcase from pernicious fever, — yellow fever or cholera asiatica. ~~In 1869 there were in the month of August~~ In each of the records from 1867 to 1872 there are a great number of deathcases ~~as~~ from malarial fever and typhoid ~~fever~~ reported in the months of August and September, whilst our record for 1879 shows that in ~~these months~~ the month of August there has not occured a single deathcase ~~in these months~~ from typhoid fever or malarial fevers. — From these deathrecords it is (or) clearly to be seen how the change of temperature and the constant abundant rains

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In regard to the statement over our ditches, I would say, that the filth of these ditches is more the result from accumulation of dust in windy and rainy days and nights than in keeping

Coleman about the dirt and accumulations of the ditches

in february on the banks of the current, [illegible] partially

[illegible] This filth is more the recull of dust during
windy days and nights than neglect in keeping the ditches clean.
All ditches are under the controll of two Ditchcommissioners
who are faithful men and responsible for all their duty.

In regard to other matters concerning the Sanitary condition
of San Antonio, Dr. Coleman remarks about the mortuary report
for the year 1879: " The mortuary report of the City Physician for
shows only 125 deaths etc. . . . .

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October 1st 1880

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would respectfully request, to have my reports published in
accordance with your communication. I can assure you, Dr.,
that it was not a personal feling against Dr Coleman in giving
the above repots, but merely an answer to the statements
given by Dr. Coleman in regard to our city. I also assure you, that
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Sanitary report

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In my remarks about the mortuary record concerning "smallpox" please omit "†" "utterly false" and leave the rest

I am Dr.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

L. K. Menger.

Sanitary report

No. 4768 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Texas
Oct 3, 1880.

Gibb, R. St. L.

Will send more any reports wanted.

U. S. N. H.
OCT -8 1880

City Physician's Office.

R.H.L.BIBB,
City Physician

Austin, Texas Oct 25 1880

Dr. J. J. Sumer
Sec. N Bd H
Washington D.C
Dear Sir:—

Will take great pleasure in complying with request contained in yr favor of Sept 23.

I was of impression that yr Board had been regularly supplied with weekly statement of mortality of our city. I have never failed to make them out and mail in person, suppose some hostile incumbency has misplaced them.

Very respectfully
R. H. L. Bibb

No. 4357 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Texas
Oct 10, 1880

Menger, Dr. D. R.

Relative to the health of San Antonio. Asks that the Bulletin be sent to him.

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San Antonio, Tex.
Octob. 1880.

Dr. T. J. Turner
Sec. N. B. of H.
Washington D. C.

I have respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of your copy's of Bulletin's send me by Saturdays mail. I am well satisfied with the report.

I also respectfully wish to report that there is a great deal of malaria fever existing among country people, especially among mexican women who left the place for cotton picking. The city itself is quite healthy, no uncommon diseases prevail, — as the mortuary report may show. I also understand from mexicans undergoing treatment, that many of the cotton pickers are afflicted with a peculiar erysipelatoid skin disease, of with some even died; perhaps it is the plant Solanum carolinense. which grows in abundance in the surrounding country, especially along the R. G. river and

~~bottom~~ bottom valley of the Salado. The patients ~~get~~ are in a short time covered, especially on the extremities, with a scarlet red color, the limbs & joints (and surface) get oedematous and after some time the cuticle peels off, sometimes in large patches. High fever. (congest. of lungs & brain) is at the beginning there, ~~was~~ in some cases giving rise to hemorrhage of lungs & haematuria.

~~The~~ I have of late treated 3 Mexican families coming from "Cottonpicking" with plain symptoms of typho-malarial infection, also a young german man who was measuring land in the country.

Dr, if you would please send your Bulletins direct to me, - they are ~~in good hand~~ well preserved. Mayor J.H. French turns them generally all over to me because he has no time to read them through.

I am Dr. very Respfully Yr R Mesa

No. 4437 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Department of Texas
San Antonio, Texas
Oct 14, 1880.

Smith, Dr. Jas. R.
Surgeon U. S. A.
Relative to the importance to be attached to Dr Munger's reports.

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J.

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OF HEALTH

HEADQUARTERS

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

San Antonio, Texas, Oct 14th, 1880

Dr J. J. Turner
Sec'y Nat'l Bd of Health

Sir.

Yr letter without date is this day received, inquiring what weight is to be attached to reports made by Dr Menger City Physician of this place -

The standing of Drs Coleman and Menger, in this community, is to the best of my belief about the same -

I Know nothing to the discredit of either of them; nor do I Know much of either of them, as they never come under

my personal observations either personally, or cially or professionally

I am therefore unable to say that the assertions of either of them should be credited or discredited, just because they assert

Dr Mingers utterances are official in that he is City Physician

Very Respfly

Jos. R. Smith

Surgeon U.S.A

Med Director Dept of Texas

No. 4526 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Texas
Oct. 26, 1880.

Brown, Dr. H. W.

Relative to health of Waco, Texas.

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NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE Nov 3.

Clifton, Texas
Oct. 26th 1880

Mr. Secy &c.

I have not been able to get reports of the dead for October until this morning Dan Sexton being sick until now. But forward the same by this Mail — Our City has been very healthy, very dry — Winds Chiefly from S. & S.E. Even moderate temperature & free Entirely from Epidemic of any kind — We rarely have much sickness when the Rainfall is light.

The Annials reported + deaths are Many of these from the Surrounding County + brought in for interment — Very truly

Jas W. Lt. W.W. Broom

Mail of Oct 28th

No. 4606 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Texas.

Nov 3, 1880.

Brown Dr H.W.

Report of correspond-
ent. Asks why the
above city is not
noticed in the Bulletin.

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Waco Tex.
Nov 3d 1880

J. J. Turner M.D.
Surg. N.P.B.D. Washington
Washington D.C.

My Dear Dr.

Your Kind reply to former note, rec'd this day for which accept my thanks. But to satisfy some of our Medical friends, I am forced to trouble you again —.
They have asked me definately & plainly, Why our City, with Pop.n of 8000. — requiring Quarantine, under regular Officers &c. should not be noticed in your tabular Report — to which I can only answer, My Reports as per Cards furnished, are sent forward with as much regularity, & as

thy power to do—

Can you furnish me an answer likely to give more satisfaction to the Enquiry I will feel greatly obliged

Our City & surrounding County has been healthy during the Summer months, but now we are having more trouble with affections of bowel, in varying degrees from Diarrhoea & Dysentery—also Malarial fevers on the increase—With a feature somewhat rare—Viz—Neuralgic pains. Sensitive & in some cases Excedingly painful—Equal to Dengue—Our deaths, as reported can never give satisfactory idea of the health of our City, as there are so many who being their dead from long distance to be here interred—on R R's & by Masons—

I am at a loss to know
how this matter can be
corrected – I mean the
impression that must be
made by Upsher & —

I am ready always
to do any thing in my
power to aid you in
your already unpleasing
labors – & remain

Very Truly
Your Obt Servt.
A W Brown

No. 4608 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Navasota, Texas.

Nov 2, 1880.

Kilpatrick D. A. R.

Correspondents Report

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NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE Nov. 8

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Navasota, Texas. 2d Nov: 1880.

Dr. J. J. Turner, U.S.N.
Secry: Nat.l Bd. Health.

Dear Sir.

I herein submit my Report of mortality, sickness and meteorological observations for the months of September and October, 1880.

There were four (4) deaths of whites in September – viz:-
one male, aged 23 yrs. from Congestion of stomach and brain;
One male " 50 yrs " pulmonary consumption;
One male " 52 yrs. " internal injury and bilious fever;
One male " 2 yrs. " marasmus and inanition.

Colored
One male " 6 yrs. " bilious fever
One male " 20 months (mulatto) from dentition and inanition;
One female " 8 years from general congestion;
One female " 50 yrs. " Dropsy and gestatis.

The highest temperature was 94°; 2 p.m. on the 1st September –
the lowest temp. was 55°; 7 a.m. 27th and 28th "
There was Rain on 12 days viz:- 3d; 4th, 5th; 6th; 7th, 15th, 16th,
17th, 18th, 22d; 25th & 26th.- Lightning and thunder attended
the rains, but there was no very high wind, except on the 25th
and 26th but it did no damage.

The deaths in October were two (2) whites, viz:-
one male, aged 20 years from black jaundice, hæmaturia miasmatica.
One male, stillborn at 8th month of uterogestation.

Colored (5)
One male, aged 20 years, Congestion of brain;
One male " 45 years, from Congestion of bowels &c.
One male " 8 years " meningitis;
One male " 26 years " Flux;
One female " 20 years " pulmonary consumption.

The highest temperature in October 1880, was 90°; at 2 p.m. on the 12th

The lowest was 42°; at 7 a.m. on the 23d. The

First frost was on Saturday 16th, and thin ice was seen then, but the thermometer only pointed 46° at the time.

Rains fell on the 11th, 15th, 26th, 27th, and all very light, attended with lightning and thunder.

The amount of sickness during the time was more than usual and the fevers of a very aggravated character, requiring very active treatment, large doses of Quinine, and unless this was kept up, cases would relapse.

There were cases of dengue, cases of pernicious fever, attended with severe gastric congestion and black vomit, which proved fatal; and other cases in the country of miasmatic hæmaturia which are fatal.

You no doubt have observed in these reports one or two deaths from consumption every month, and that they are mostly colored people. There is a general belief that this disease has greatly increased amongst colored people since emancipation, as there were few deaths amongst slaves, especially on the plantations. Reckless imprudence and irregularities are the principal causes of the majority of these cases, and deficient care or lack of attention and medical treatment hasten a fatal termination.

Respectfully

Your Ob.t Serv.t

A. R. Kilpatrick, M. D.

No. 1752 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Galveston, Texas.

Nov 11, 1880

Kelley Dr. C. D.

(Fr'd by Dr J. M. Bemiss)

States he is instructed by the Board of Health of Galveston Texas to enquire what terms the Nat'l B. of H. would require of the above city in reference to site for Quarantine Buildings to be under control of the N.B.H. — whether a title in fee simple or a long lease, and what amount of ground

Ex. Com^ee

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Galveston Texas
Nov 1st 80

Dr S. M. Bemiss

Dear Dr

I have been requested by the Board of Health of this City to ascertain what terms the Stat. Board of Health would require of this city in reference to site for Quarantine buildings to be under the control of the St. B. We are very desirous of connecting this city with the St. B. of Health and especially desire to be able to aid the commerce of our State by affording scientific methods of disinfection

The visiting members of our board were impressed that you would recommend such course to the N. B. H. and I am requested to ascertain whether you would require title in fee simple or would accept a long lease and what amount of ground would be required

The Island situated in our bay is the property of the city and was appraised by Dr John Sapp for this purpose last year

Your early answer is solicited and I may add your course this year so far as known to me has met my hearty approval

With great respect I am very truly your friend
W. B. Kelly M.D.

No. 4892 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio

Dec. 4, 1880.

French J.H.
Mayor

Rel. to census of Austin Tex. as reported in Bulletin

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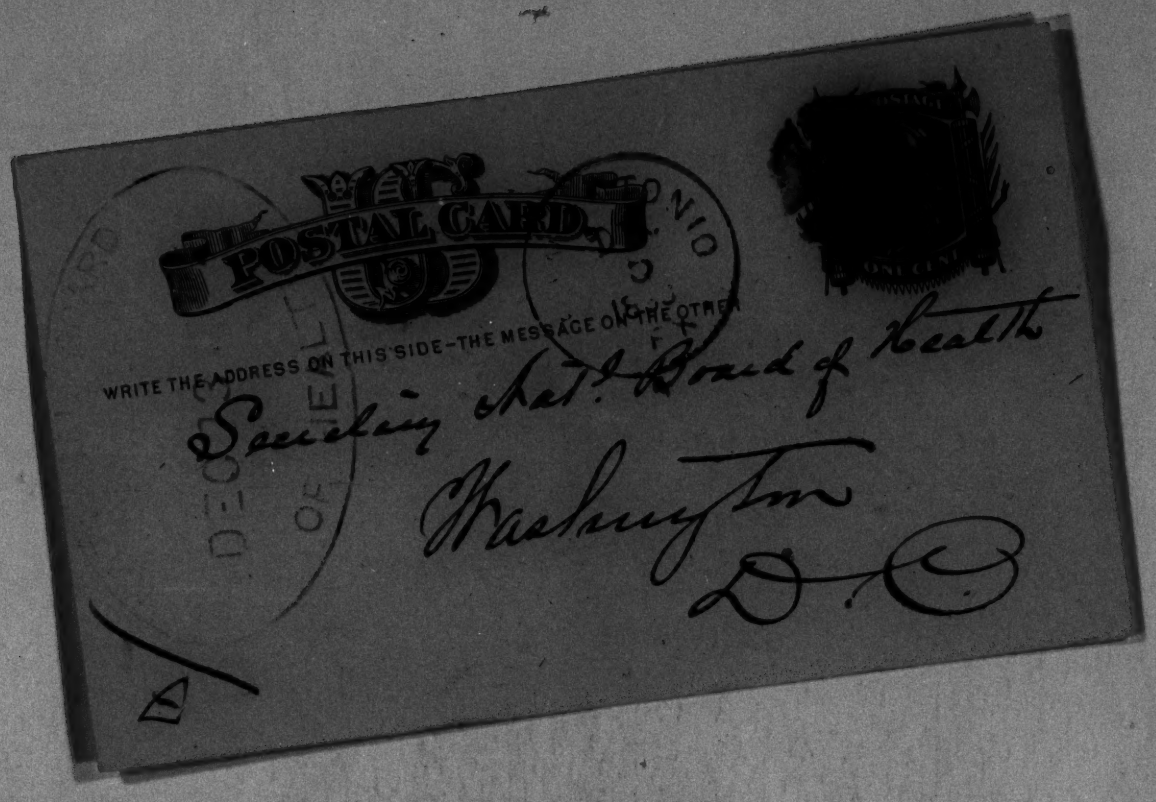
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Secretary Nat'l Board of Health
Washington
D. C.
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Sir: 4892 San Antonio Dec. 4/80

I notice that you continue to report "Austin Tex" with 16.000 pop - This was the Estimated pop. before Census - I think this ought to be corrected, as it gives a false impression. as to the Relative numbers of the Cities, as between other Cities of the State - Respectfully

J. H. Brown Mayor

No. 4899 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Texas.

Dec 8, 1880.

Brown H.W. M.D.

Forwards missing report for Nov. Has 3 cards left.

T.H.

Reports rec'd.

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DEC 14
OF HEALTH

Office Waco Tex
Dec 8th 1880.

J. J. Jarvis M.D.
Surg Gen 13th Ward
Washington D.C.

My Dear Dr Jarvis

Owing to the Lockup
of our Courts & Confinement to his
home outside our Corporation,
I have not been able to get the
Rep.ts of Births & Deaths for Nov.
until this morning. I have made
them carefully as I could from
his Statements & now forward them
hoping, sincerely, they may not
have caused you trouble by
the unavoidable delay. My Bills
are rendered to (3) — Very truly
Your Obt Svt H. H. Brown

No. 4927. "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson. Tex
Dec 12th, 1880.

Brown. Dr A O

States he cannot
send mortuary report
week ending Dec 11/80
on acct of his presence
at Am Public Health
Convention at N O

16 LB 8p 726.
H ack

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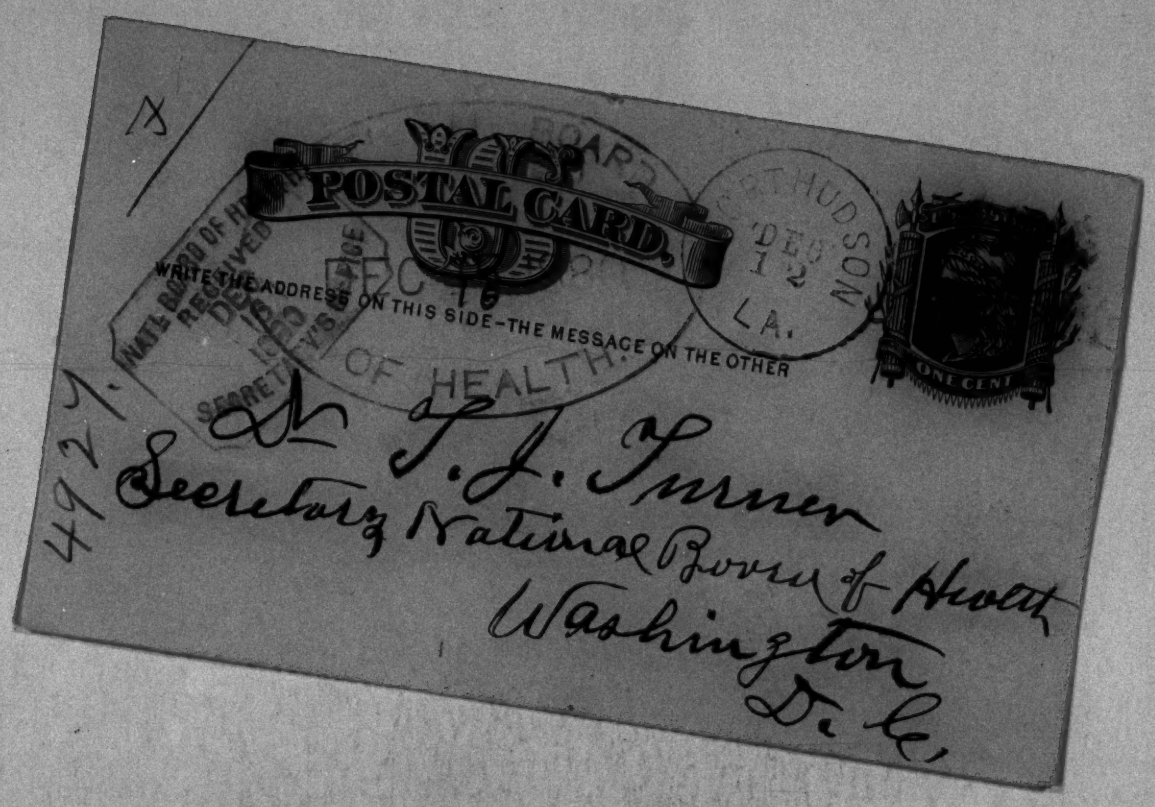
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BOARD OF HEALTH
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DEC 12
LA.
ONE CENT
4927.
Dr. J. J. Turner
Secretary National Board of Health
Washington
D. C.

Dec 12th 1880

By reason of my presence
at the ~~Meeting~~ assembling of the American
Public Health Association Quarantine
Convention in New Orleans La
will prevent me sending the
regular weekly Mortuary Report
for the week ending Dec 11th/80

A. P. Brown. M. D.

Inspector at Jefferson Texas

No. 5054 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson, Texas.

Dec 27, 1880.

Brown D.A.P.

Ack'g receipt of com. of 16 and new supply of blank cards

Forwards report for Dec 25

Ack'd LB of 826

V.H. Report rec'd

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JAN -3
OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF

BOARD OF HEALTH,

MAJ. GEO. R. BEARD,
Secretary.

A. P. BROWN, M. D.,
President.

Jefferson, Texas Dec 21st 1880

S. J. Sprner, M. D,
Sec Nat. B. of Health
Washington, D. C,

Honored Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Dec 16th also the new blanks for Weekly Reports. Mr Delay at the meetings of the American Public Health Association & Quarantine Convention at New Orleans & was a sufferer to Old Port Hudson fever prevented my forwarding the Mortuary report of the 11th & 18th ult but it was of little interesting I have forwarded report for Dec 25th

The Quarantine Convention resulted in a very free interchange of Opinion on Quarantine and the appointment of two Committees one for the Atlantic Coast & one for the Mississippi Valley & I hope they will present such ideas on Quarantine concisely formulated as will result in general good

Yours Respectfully

A. P. Brown, M. D

No. 5093 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio
Texas
Tel- Jan 4, 1881.
Richardson Rev. W.R.

"What are the latest advices as to yellow fever in Vera Cruz. Answer paid here."

ans by Tel 9 42.

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JAN -5 1881
OF HEALTH.

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No. 44.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Date San Antonio Tex Jan 4 1884

Received at 210pm

To Dr J J Turner

Surg Natl Board Health

1410 G St N W.

What are the latest advices as to yellow fever in Vera Cruz

Answer paid here

Rev W R Richardson

1 H Paid 42 mccs

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

No. 5131 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Navasota, Texas

Jan 2, 1881.

Kilpatrick D.A.R.

Health report for past two months

Ack 6 L Bof 866

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RECEIVED
JAN -8 1881
BOARD OF HEALTH.

NOTED IN BULLETIN
DATE June 10

Navasota, Texas. 2d. Janry. 1881.

T. J. Turner, M.D.
Secry. Nat. B. H.

Dear Sir.

For the past two months I have to report a great improvement in the health, and a large falling off in the number of deaths for this place. During the month of November 1880 there were still many cases of intermittent fever but no fatality.

One infant, white, female, aged 18 months died of marasmus, ~~and~~ ^ ~~general~~ the result of malarial poison.

The lowest temperature was 20° F. above Zero, on 18th. Ice on 4 days; frost on 5 days; sleet on 2 days; rain on 16 days; hail on one day. The highest temperature was 82° at noon on the 4th. The rains were generally light and not attended with lightning and thunder.

In December 1880

The deaths were, 1 colored man, aged 52 years, from hemiplegia with dementia, on the 5th.

One white female aged 39 years, from pleuro-pneumonia and in child-bed on 14th.

One white male (German) aged 63 years, general decline on 16th.

One colored female aged 25 years, from Phthisis pulmonalis on 24th.

The lowest temperature was 10° F. above Zero on the 29th, as cold as was known here. During the month the weather was unusually cold.

The highest temperature was 66° on 2d. Weather open and very little rain all the month.

Dell

I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the Am. Pub. Health Ass. in New Orleans on 7th — 10th Dec. 1880 from which I derived great benefit. I attended as delegate from Texas by authority of Gov. O. M. Robert the sessions in N. O. of the "Quarantine Association" on 8th 9th 10th Dec. 1880.

I regretted to see the officers and delegates of the La. State Bd of Health oppose all motions, resolutions and business of this body and especially of the National Board of Health. But I was highly gratified at learning that the majority of the physicians present in both bodies are in favor of the continuance and strengthening of that Board, by Congressional legislation and ~~state~~ government appropriations. Since the adjournment, I have seen a very plain and lucid article in the New Orleans "Democrat", a leading newspaper, in advocacy of the Nat. Bd of Health, whereas that paper in 1879 and up to Dec. 1880 upheld Dr. S. Choppin and the La. Bd of Health in their bitter opposition of that Board. That paper showed very well the absolute necessity of the Nat. Bd of Health and the folly of opposing it. This shows that the people are gradually becoming converted from the error of their ways in opposing the Nat. Board.

I improve every opportunity I have in advocating the Board and hope that all opposition will ere long pass away. If a lecturer could be sent out to the Southern cities to instruct the masses as well as medical men on this subject it would be a move in the right direction.

I have the honor to subscribe,

Respectfully,

A. R. Kilpatrick, M. D.

No. 5168 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Texas.

Jany 5, 1881.

Brown D. H. W.

Health report

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JAN 12 1881
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NOTED IN
BULLETIN.
DATE Jan. 12

NATIONAL WEATHER BOARD
JAN 12 1901
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Pacific Grove
Jan 5th 1901

L. J. Simms Jr. U.S.

My Dear Sir

There has been an unusual absence of storms reported. The present storm is the only storm since last report. Weather has been Extremely Cold - Slight Snow. Short Rain only. Few Clear days even here. Now Cloudy, Cold & Frosty -

Very Truly Yours
Hart Brown

No. 5265 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex
Mayors Office
Jan 18, 1881.

Baldus Theo
City Clerk

Asks that no discrimination be made in quoting population of Texas cities
Calls attention to the fact that Bulletin gives Austin 16000 while Census of 1880 gives it but 11000

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. JAN 25 1881

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Secy National Board of Health.
Washington
D. C.

Mayor's Office
San Antonio, Tex.
Jany 18th 1881.

Secy Nat'l Board of Health

Dr Sir:

I have been instructed to inform you that unless other Texas cities are placed on the same basis as San Antonio as regards population, this Office would prefer not to make any reports in the future. Austin is still quoted as having 16000 inhabitants when the Census gives it not quite 11000.

Respy Thos Saldus
City Clerk.

No. 5315 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio Tex

Jan 26, 1881.

Menger D. R.

Sends health report

and asks that two

copies of Bul. contain-

ing the same be sent

him.

Bulletin -

N. H.

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NOTED IN
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DATE. Febr 5

FEB 2 1881
BOARD OF HEALTH

San Antonio, Jan 26/87

Health Bulletin
Washington D.C.

Two weeks ago cases of measels occured in a family (Strangers) coming from New Orleans; a widow woman and two children. The children were attacked at first, one died, and the mother & other child recovered; the child dead had severe complications especially pneumonia. The cases were isolated far from the community. and The County physician also reported a case, a Mexican, at the County hospital, - which is located nearly 3 miles out of city. There exist no other contagious diseases. Smallpox are reported to range in the lower Rio Grande; in Brownsville & Matamoras, with 600 cases - . For our city Mayor ordered a supply of Vaccine to vaccinate free of charge. The first cases during the late epidemic were introduced from the boarder of Mexico, - and there are now but few persons among the negro, and colored class to be vaccinated as they have gone through the disease, or were vaccinated during the same

Our City's general health condition is tolerable
at present. There are an unusual number of
strangers to us with severe
diseases, mostly consumptive, taken care of
before, introduced through the railroads.

Please send two copies, with the containing
the above report, — and thereby oblige

Very Respectfully
Yours
H. R. Mengis
City Physician

No. 5365 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall, Tex.

Feby 1, 1881.

Pope Dr Jno. H.

Will make mortality reports from Marshall Tex. if cards are sent.

Burial permit required

Ack - L B 9 p 154.
V H. Send. Send Cards Feb 7
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FEB - 7 1881
OF HEALTH.

Marshall, Tex., Feb. 1st 1881.

Dr. T. J. Turner,

Sec. N. B. of H.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor: If you will send, to my address, some of the Postal Cards for reporting mortality of Cities, the report for this City will be furnished you, beginning with the first week in January 1881.

The new ordinance requiring burial permits is rigidly enforced, and I think the mortality Statistics will be as reliable as such can be.

Very Truly Yours,

Jno. H. Pope,

No. 5375 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas, Texas.

Feby 3, 1881.

Carter Dr J.L.
H.O.

Health Report.

Asks for virus for vaccination and instructions for applying.

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J. L. Carter, M. D.,
HEALTH OFFICER,
Office, 513 Main St.,

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Dallas, Texas, February 3, 1881.

Dr T. J. Turner, S. N. B. of H.,

Dear Sir,

We have in Dallas and suburbs some cases of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. So far as I am reliably informed 8 deaths from it have occurred, one of them in the Hospital. Two weeks have elapsed since the first case. Some recoveries, yeilding apparently to treatment. Some cases very mild.

The Community is a little nervous about it. I would have reported a little earlier, but wanted to be sure of the Character of the disease.

Dr; I wish a small quantity of Bovine virus. I wish to vaccinate a number of persons; say 2 dozen.

I wish to procure the virus through You as proof of purity. People are incredulous out here

about every thing for Sale.

You can have it sent to me by mail or by Express C.O.D. Exercise your own discretion. If it is not asking too much, I would like your ideas upon the use of Bovine virus. The mode of making the application of the virus to the individual. I have very little experience with it.

Your obedient servant

J. L. Carter M.D.
C. N. B. of Health

P.S. I had a hope that I would have made your acquaintance in N.O. at Meeting of A.P.H.A.

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J. L. Carter

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No. 5700 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin, Texas.

Mar. 8, 1881.

Swearingen D R M.
H.S.

Wants Regulations and
last report of Board
also Bulletin

LB 9 p 465

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Office of

Drs. McLaughlin & Swearingen.

Austin, Texas, March 8th 1881

Secretary of
National Board of Health.

Will you please send me the "Regulations" & "Last report" of your Board, also forward your health bulletins. I have just been appointed "State health officer" and desire to work in accord with you, and familiarize myself with your rules.

Respectfully yours
R. M. Swearingen. M.D.

No. 5701 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Navasota, Texas.

Mch 4, 1881.

Kilpatrick D. A. R.
Pres. Texas St. Med
Asso
Forwards Health Report

Texas State Med assn
meets in Waco on 5th
of april.

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MAR 12 '81
SURGEON GEN'L'S OFFICE

Navasota, Texas. 4th March 1881.

Dr. J. J. Turner U. S. N.
Secy. Nat. Bd. Health.

Dear Sir.

Herewith I send report of deaths and causes of same in this place, embracing the Magisterial Precinct No. 3. of this Grimes Co., population, both races, about 4000, population of the town proper is 1640.

In January 1881, white male, aged 22, non-resident, brought here from Brazos Co. R.R. car, crushed left leg from mid thigh to malleolus, no reaction, died 2d. 18 hours after injury.

Colord male, aged 36, died on 20th from Phthisis pulmonalis.

White female, aged 71, died on 30th from Chronic cardiac disease - valvular, and congestion of abdominal viscera.

The month was unusually cold, rainy and disagreeable.

Lowest temperature 20°. F. on morning of 10th. Ice on 16 days; Frost on 10 days; snow or sleet on 2 days. Rain on 6 days. Lightning & thunder on 31st.

Highest temperature 76°, on 31st and warmest day. White male, aged 60, & negro man aged 65, drowned on 5th

February. Deaths - White male, aged 38, on 10th Phthisis pulmonalis.

Griffe female, aged 8 months, on 10th, Pneumonia; black female aged 2 years, on 11th Pneumonia, came here sick from Kansas.

White female, aged 34 years, on 27th, double pleuro-pneumonia and in child-bed, confined on night of 16th-17th Feb.

The month was cold, rainy and disagreeable.

Lowest temperature 28°, on 12th; Ice on 4 days; Frost on 5 days; Hail once, on 10th; Rain on 9 days.

Highest temperature 76° on 28th; Lightning & Thunder on 2 days 5th & 26th. Creeks overflowed on night of 5th and 2 persons drowned.

The Tex. State Med. Assn. will assemble in Waco on 5th April - We will be glad to receive you or any others from your city.

Respectfully
Your Ob. Svt.
R. P. Kilpatrick, M. D.
Pres. Tex. St. Med. Association.

No. 5829 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco
Texas

Mch 21, 1881.

Brown A. H. Sr.

Forwards this day reports for three weeks which have been delayed on account of sickness and absence.

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✓ T. H. rec'd

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MAR 25 1881
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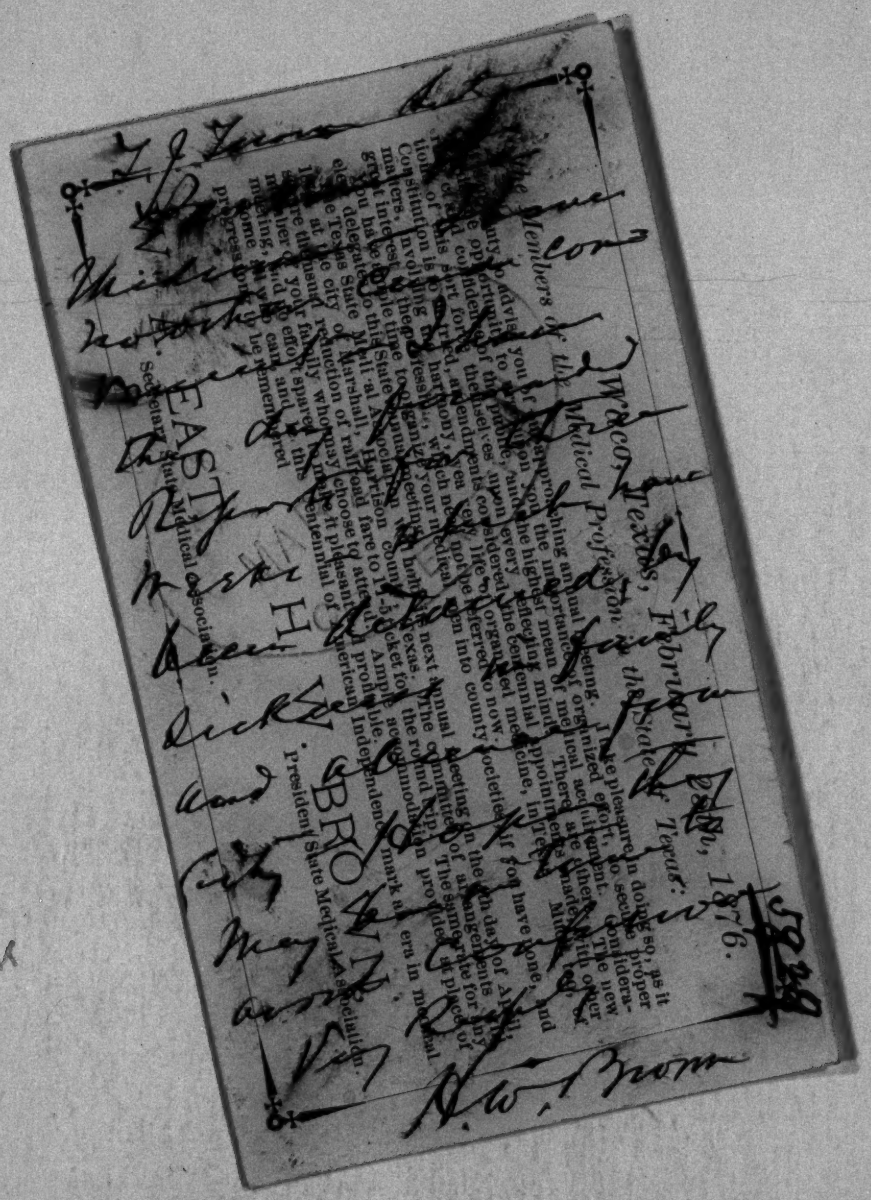
T. J. Turner M.D.
Secy Nat'l Bd Health
Washington
D.C.

Reply received
March 28th



No. 5960 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin,
Texas.
Mch 29, 1881.

Swearingen R. M

Rel. to table made up by
city phy. of Austin, for
last year which was
never published by N.B.H.
Cards asked for will
be sent by City Phy.

Galveston

Jack- Brist. Tex
H. LR 4 p. 650.

APR-4 1881
HEALTH.

Austin March 29. 1881.

Dr. T. J. Turner.
Secty. National Board of Health.

Dear Doctor.

Our City Physician promises to send the cards asked for, in a few days. He says an elaborate table of last year, was carefully prepared by him, and forwarded to you, and that it was noticed by you in subsequent report.

I received, and read with interest, the Annual Report of National Board of Health. It is worthy the great undertaking, and the great minds engaged in it.

I congratulate you upon the success already attained, and will try, in my smaller sphere, to be guided by your light, and not detract from, if I can not increase your usefulness. With many thanks for your courtesy,

I have the honor to be
Your Obdt Servt
R. M. Swearingen

No. 6117. "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin

Texas.

Apr. 11, 1881.

Swearingen's D. R. M

State H. O.

Bibb's Dr R A G

States that D. R. H. L.

Bibb is city physi-

cian of Austin and

sent this elaborate

report referred to in

a former communi-

tion to N.B.H. office

about the middle of

last Jany.

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RECEIVED
APR 15 1881
OFFICE
HEALTH.

Austin Texas. April 11, 81.

J. J. Turner. M.D.
Sec. N. B of H.

Sir.

Dr R. H. L. Bibb is the City Physician of Austin. The elaborate report referred to in a former communication was forwarded to your address about the middle of last January.

The doctor seems indisposed to send the postal cards now, but I hope he will do so.

Respectfully
R. M. Harrington

No. 6156 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville Tex

April 9, 1881.

Main Dr. J. M.

Forwards mortuary report for March

Dr. Combe is absent.

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NOTED IN BULLETIN, DATE April 22

RECEIVED APR 19 1881 OF HEALTH.

Brownsville, Tex., April 9th 1881. —

Dr. J. J. Turner,
Secty. Natl Board of Health,
Washington, D.C.,

Doctor. —

Enclosed herewith, please find copy of the Mortuary Report of the City of Brownsville, Cameron Co. Tex., for the month of March, 1881, as customary. —

Dr. C. B. Combe, the Inspector of the Natl Board for this District, is at present absent in the North, and I have the honor to forward the same under his instructions. —

Very Respy
Yr Obdt. Servt.
J. M. Main, M.D.

No. 6165 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Tex.

Ap 16, 1881.

Bibb R. H. L.
M.D.
City Phy.

Forwards mortality
report wk endg Ap
16th 1881.
Wants population
& gives health notes.

Ack- L.L. 10 p 2.
~~Wait for letter from Census~~

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APR 20 1881
OF HEALTH.

City Physician's Office.

R.H.L.BIBB,
City Physician.

Austin, Texas Apl 16th 1881

Dear Sir:-

I send you this day, mortality of our city for week ending Apl 16th. You will observe that population is not stated, this is because am not advised as to exact figures, and do not wish to estimate it. Sickness, & multiform duties for past five months have caused an omission in regular weekly reports from this city; these I will try to supply in future.

Measles. Mumps, Whooping Cough (with an occasional case of Diptheria and Scarlet fever, have prevailed epidemically for past two months, but mortality therefrom has been insignificant, the diseases being, for most part, of mild type. Intestinal disorders predominate at this time.

Yours Very Truly
R. H. L. Bibb

T. J. Turner M.D
Sec. Nat. Bd of Health
Washington DC.

No. 6299 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Galveston
Texas
Apr 25, 1881.

Plumly Surg. U.S.A. Rush

Rel. to site for quarantine Buildings
Asks if Board yet disposed to build one at Galveston
Suggests sending an agent Hon. V.N. Johns of the B. of H. to select site.

Ex. Com. 2d DB 10 p 113

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Asst. Surgeon

Galveston, Texas
April 25th 1881

Doctor

Thomas J Turner

Sec'y of N. B. of Health

Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor

Recently returned from three months hard work in the Legislature of Texas, I am again preparing to go to Washington and the West for our people.

There is no available public land which the Legislature could appropriate or donate for the Quarantine Buildings.

Owners of available private property positively refuse to sell for that purpose. The U S° has just

located a light house on a piece of land claimed by both the U.S° and the State of Texas and have, together agreed to try title in the U S° Court.

I have no doubt that the land belongs to the U S° and that it will be so decided. If so a site for "Quarantine" will be secured in an admirable spot. If decided for the State sufficient land for both Quarantine and Light-House will be immediately conveyed to the U S°.

Are you yet disposed to build here?

Please let me know. If you think best to send some one to inspect" send such Agt to Hon J N St John who is the active man of our Board of Hth.

very truly B. Rush Plumly

No. 6327 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas
Texas
Apr 29, 1881.

Carter D. J. C.
H.O.
513 Main St.

Reports the fact that he
goes out of the office
of H.O. but would
like to continue as the
correspondent of the Bd
& to receive the Bulletin
Dr. Sam'l Field at the
new H.O. If he does not
make mortality reports to Dr Carter
wise

Secy — Act — L B 10 p 29.

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MAY - 3 1881
OF HEALTH

J. L. Carter, M. D.;
HEALTH OFFICER,
Office, 513 Main St.,

Dallas, Texas, April 29, 188

N. B. of H. Bulletin,

My time as Health Officer will expire on tomorrow. I was not a candidate for reelection, as the pay for such service were so inadequate. I desire to remain your correspondent and will give you such information as will be of interest to the Bulletin. I desire also to continue to receive the

Sec. Ark

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I feel an interest in Sanitary
matters and have written a
very elaborate report for the city.
I presume it will be published.
I took the occasion of
my Annual Report, to say
much upon Sanitary affair.
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis, Measles,
mumps & Whooping cough have
left us, almost as suddenly
as their advent.
Dallas is now quite healthy.
Your obedient Servant
J. L. Cabell M.D.
C. S. B. H.

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No. 6330 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin, Texas.

Apr. 26, 1881.

Roberts O. M
Govr Texas
Bowman J. H. Secy State

Printed Proclamation
rel: to Quarantine

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NOTED IN
BULLETIN
DATE April 30.

No. 6526. "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville
Texas
May 10, 1881.

Main Dr J. M.
(Coombe Dr C.B.)
in lieu of his report

Sends report for Dr Coombe
for April 1881

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NOTED IN
BULLETIN. 48
DATE May 23.

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Observations: State Reports

No. 1 were unported

of " 2 Age, accompanied with pulmonary Congestion.

of " 6 Palpitation - acute Arthritis

of " 7 Alcoholism - & old age

of " 8 Spasm - Tetanus, as number 5, universally fatal.

of 9 murdered - blow with glass bottle over frontal Sinus and consequent fatal bleeding.

Remarks:

Of the Exanthema, we have Rubiola, Variola Rosiola. Of the 1st and 2d, hitherto - no deaths. Of Heart affections, Some are emotional - the rest referable to arthritis.

J. M. Mann, M. D.
University of N. Y.

No. 6691 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville
Texas
May 25, 1881.

Combe Dr C. B.

Actg Consul of 22 ult. advs Hanks – states quarantine has been established on the Gulf coast Texas – had an interview with Govr Roberts rel. to port of Bagdad & states he awaits orders as to what shall be done at that port.

Ex. Com 22 L B 10 p 428
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Ex. Com June 17/81.
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Brownsville Tex. May 28. 81.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 22 ult to hand. I also acknowledge receipt of blank Vouchers. Upon last mail Quarantine has been established on the Texas Gulf coast. I visited Austin on my way home & had quite an interview with Gov Roberts respecting port of Brgdo and Fronton quarantine. Awaiting your instructions as to what shall be done at Brgdo this season I remain

very Respectfy
your obt Servt
" C H Stone "

No. 7079 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Houston

Texas

July 1, 1881.

Coleman D. W. L.

Forwards slip of newspaper rel. to importation of y. f. from Vera Cruz.

Vack-Draft

Ex. Com. L. B. 10 p. 639.

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THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

The Rumor of Yellow Fever in New Orleans and Galveston—How it Originated—The Dreaded Disease Epidemic in Vera Cruz.

Something very nearly approaching an excitement was created in Houston on Tuesday last, by a rumor that there had been several cases of yellow fever in New Orleans, and that one or two had occurred in Galveston. A merchant on Main street having heard the rumor, and understanding that it originated from information received at the telegraph office, repaired to the office of the POST and suggested that, as the attaches of this office were assumed to have access to sources not within the reach of the general public, that an effort be made to ascertain the facts. An attache of the POST immediately repaired to the telegraph office, and finding that the manager was absent, the necessary inquiries were made of the gentleman having charge of the office at the time, who unhesitatingly stated that Mr. Whitaker, who was formerly an operator in the Galveston office, but who was then in New Orleans, had been carrying on a conversation over the wire with one of the operators here, and that in the course of the talk, the statement was made from New Orleans, that there had been several fatal cases of yellow fever in that city, and that it was rumored that there had been cases in Galveston. A boy who had been, or was, a messenger in the office, hearing the conversation repeated by the operator in the Houston office, ran down stairs and spread the report that yellow fever was reported from New Orleans and Galveston. It was this report that caused the visit of the POST's representative to the telegraph office. After seeing the gentleman who first brought the information to the office of the POST, and explaining the origin of the rumor, a dispatch was forwarded to Dr. Kelley, at Galveston, giving the rumor for what it was worth, and asking for an answer, which was promptly forwarded by the president of the board of health in Galveston, whose dispatch appeared in the POST of Wednesday morning, denying the existence of anything like yellow fever in that city. Before the receipt of the reply of Dr. Kelley to dispatch sent from the office of the POST, Dr. Rutherford, health officer, of Houston, left for Galveston, where he conferred with Dr. Kelley, and satisfied himself that the report was without foundation. This ended the investigation.

MR. WHITAKER'S STATEMENT.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Whitaker, the operator who had been communicating over the wires from New Orleans, arrived in Houston, and soon after repaired to the office of the POST and asked to have the following letter published:

HOUSTON, June 30.—Editor POST: I find an article in your issue of this date, reflecting on me. A friend of mine, Charley Wise, on Lafayette street, between Dryades and Carondelet, New Orleans, read an article from the Times, the precise date of which I disremember, that yellow fever existed at that date in Galveston. Having a wife and two children in Galveston, I was naturally anxious to learn the truth thereof. Mr. Skinner, chief operator in Galveston, refuted in toto, the asseveration. Mr. Editor, concerning the New Orleans quarantine, I will further post you on my arrival in Galveston.

Very truly, etc., S. H. WHITAKER.

Mr. Whitaker will, of course, be understood as referring, in the above letter, to the explanation made in the POST yesterday morning, in behalf of the manager of the telegraph office, of the origin of the rumors that had found currency on the streets the day before.

THE FEVER IN VERA CRUZ—QUARANTINE AT NEW ORLEANS.

Mr. Whitaker, expressing a willingness to answer interrogatories, was interviewed with the following result:

Reporter—When did you leave Vera Cruz?

Mr. Whitaker—I left Vera Cruz on June 8th.

Reporter—What was the condition of the health of the city at that time?

Mr. Whitaker—The health of the city was as bad as ever known. The yellow fever had been declared epidemic, and old citizens asserted that it was worse than it had been for several years.

Reporter—Did you proceed direct from Vera Cruz to New Orleans?

Mr. Whitaker—Yes, sir; I arrived by the steamship Whitney on June 14th, at 12:30 in the morning.

Reporter—Did you meet with any detention at quarantine station below New Orleans, and what disinfecting processes were used?

Mr. Whitaker—I was detained at the quarantine station three days and nights. Between decks and the cabin of the steamer were fumigated. The trunks between decks were opened and contents fumigated one day, and the next day the cabin was fumi-

Houston Texas
July 1st 1881

Dr T. J. Turner
Washington

Dear Sir

I call your attention to the enclosure clipped from our morning paper in order to show you how we are exposed to Yellow fever from importation. The gentleman's palise with its flannel underclothing is one of the best vehicles imaginable for the transportation of the germs of the disease and having been in a hospital at Vera Cruz for several days where there were 250 Cases of Yellow fever and nothing done to it - at the quarantine station of New Orleans, Can you imagine or invent any better way to bring in the disease - Were I connected with the quarantine of Texas I should certainly hunt up that - palise & either fumigate or destroy it, Though it may be too late to do either. And now should Yellow fever commence in a week or two in New Orleans, Houston or Galveston, the learned medical gentlemen in the different places will write learned essays to prove that -

the disease originated in those places forgetting that Mr Whitaker & his valise direct from a Yellow fever hospital had passed through and spent some time in each place. If the quarantine officers of New Orleans permit such things to occur often we may look for Yellow fever at any moment & our city is in as good a condition to receive the germs as Memphis was in 1878-79. — I hope to live to see the day when the medical profession generally will be convinced that Yellow fever is always imported when it prevails in the U. S.

Yours Respectfully
W. L. Coleman

No. 7123 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio
Texas
July 2, 1881.
Menger Dr R.

Forwards monthly
report of City Phy.

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From the above mortuary report it is to be seen that there have been an unusual number of deaths in our city during the month of June, although there were eleven deaths less than the month previous. The question, therefore, naturally arises, "what produces the increased mortality?"

In a sanitary report to the city council at the beginning of May and for the month of May, I gave a full statement, and my opinion about the increased mortality during that month. The above record shows that there were 70 deaths in all, of which 45 were children, 3 were from measles, 1 from typhoid fever and 3 from malarial fevers. No small-pox, croup, diptheria, cholera, etc. The rest were from diseases occurring generally at this time every year.

There has been a great deal of dispute about the influences producing such an increased mortality in our city. Some believe to find the main cause in the hydrant water; others in the abundant street dust, and still others in the unclean privies and premises, or in atmospheric influences. In former years, and again mostly during hot seasons, the main agency of the increased mortality was attributed to the abundant rains; or the increased consumption of watermelons; or to the filthy streets and impure river or ditch water. Some also reached the opinion that the muddy streets and sidewalks contained the miasmatic germs.

Now, no one will doubt that one or all of these sources may produce sickness. In many instances the disease could certainly be traced to one or the other of the above agencies.

If I was asked to give my opinion about the increased mortality, I should say that the unusual hot and dry atmosphere, combined with unsanitary domestic living of some persons; the great liability to exposure during sickness and poverty in many families has a great deal to do with the same. We may certainly exclude the effects of rain, and watermelons, even hydrant water and dust. In May we had 81 deaths, the greatest mortality in the history of our city, and no watermelons, peaches, corn, grapes, etc., were consumed at that time. Even in June there were but few fruits sold in the market, and no report or physician's certificate traced the cause to such source, and still there was an immense mortality. Referring to the street dust, there is no doubt but what the inhalation of large quantities is unhealthy. Especially persons afflicted with throat or lung diseases fear the dust. But, in spite of this, the mortuary report shows but seven deaths from diseases of the respiratory system. If the street dust was one of the main causes, then we should have had an increased list of inflamatory diseases of the eye, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. It would require a very strict observation, and postmortem examinations in each death case from lung diseases, to ascertain the existence of dust in the inhaling organs.

Our privy system has been in a very unsanitary condition in many places. The sanitary police ordered over one hundred privies to be repaired, removed or disinfected. This is one of the main points to remember in keeping a city in sanitary condition, but the work should be done in winter days. A severe penalty before the recorder should be imposed on all those having their privies overfilled in summer. In summer, the privies need a thorough disinfecting with lime or copperas, where needed, and the winter should be the only allowable time to clear them.

R. Munns.
City Physician.

7/23

OUR CITY'S HEALTH.

Monthly Report of the City Physician, with Attendant Remarks.

The city physician makes the following mortuary report for the month of June: Total deaths from all causes 70; of which 23 were Mexicans, 38 whites and 9 colored. They were divided as to nationality as follows: [illegible] Mexico, 2; Germany 1; France 11 other states 4. [illegible] Of these,

No. 7207 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Tex

July 8, 1881.

Secretary Dft R. M.
State H.O.

Request of the Govr
of Texas for appoint-
ment of Dr C. B. Combe
as Inspector at Bagdad

Ex. Com- July 22.
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Austin. Texas. July 8th 1881.

Dr. J. T. Turner. Secty. N. B. of H.

Dear Sir.

I am instructed by His Excellency Governor Roberts, to respectfully ask, that you appoint Dr. C. B. Combs of Brownsville Texas Inspector for the National Board of Health, and assign him to Bagdad, Mexico.

If it is impossible for the health authorities of this State - to guard the Rio Grande, and our officers vested with your authority will obviate the necessity of trying to. Dr Combs peculiar relations with the mexican authorities, will enable him to accomplish more, than any one else.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt
R. M. Swearingen. M. D.
State Health officer

No. 7266. "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio, Texas
July 13, 1881.

Menger, Dr. R.

Sends report sanitary police.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.
JUL 18 1881

OFFICE OF

City Physician,

R. MENGER.

City Physician.

San Antonio, Texas, July 13th 1881.

Dr. T. J. Turner
Sec. N. B. of Health

Dear Sir!

Your favor of 7th inst. received, and beg leave to accept an additional report of the Sanitary police, which was delayed in sending off with my monthly report. Perhaps it will find a place in the Bulletin below the monthly reports.

Yours
Very truly
R Menger.

Sanitary Reports.

We are furnished with the following reports from the sanitary police, for the past month:

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., July 1, 1881.

CITY MARSHAL:—My report of the sanitary work for the month of June, in wards Nos. 1 and 2, is herewith submitted. No. of new holes sunk and sinks removed, 120. New holes ordered sunk and not completed on account of scarcity of labor, 69.

Respectfully,
EMIL OPPERMANN,
Sanitary police.

CITY MARSHAL:

Sir:—I hereby beg leave to submit my monthly report, ending June 30. Ninety-three persons complied with my orders and have constructed new sinks.

Have furnished one barrel of lime to each person unable to purchase same.

Respectfully, PETER KLEINE,
Sanitary police of wards 3 and 5.

No. 7626 — State Reports —

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brazos de Santiago
Texas
———, 1881.

Wolff Dr A.S.
H.O.

States he has seen
no notice in the Bul-
letins of the existence
in Veracruz Mex. of
Y. F. & small pox &
therefore gives infor-
mation.

Ach- L.B. 11 p. 32. Aug 13
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C.C. Noted in Bulletin
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Quarantine Station
Brazos de Santiago
Texas

T. D. Turner. M.d.
Sect. National Board of Health.

Sir.

The absence of the fact that no
Mention is Made in Your Bulletin, of
the existence of the most virulent Epidemic
of Yellow in Vera-Cruz Mexico. I deem
it my duty to inform You of the fact
besides: should Not; of the most virulent
type also exist there.

I am Dear Sir
Your Very Obet.

Arthur L. Wolff M.D
Health Officer of District
Brazos de Santiago

No. 7916 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

San Antonio
Tex
Sept 19, 1881.

Baldus Theo.
City Clerk

Forwards reports
as requested — (Mch
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V.H.

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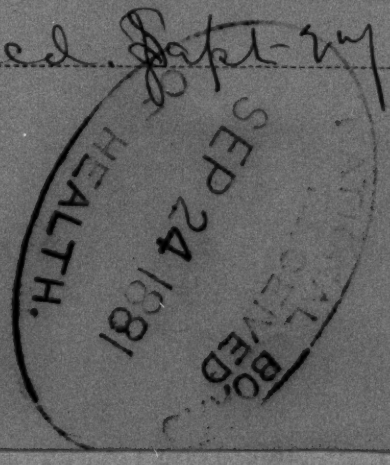

J. H. French, Mayor.
Theo. Baldus, City Clerk.

Mayor's Office,

City of San Antonio, Texas,

Sept 19th 1881

F. J. Turner M.D.
Secy Nat'l Board of Health
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

We today send Reports for the Weeks ending March 12 and April 2/3rd as requested. The reports are sent regularly from this Office on Monday of each Week and why they fail to reach you is beyond comprehension. It is certainly not the fault of this Office.

Very Respectfully
Theo Baldus.
City Clerk

No. 8293 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Marshall
Tex
Nov 12, 1881.

Pope Jno. H.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Forwards missing reports up to Nov 5th.

NOV 13 1881

Referred to Secy. Reed Wm. H.

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✓ *Letter Book No.* 11 p. 59 Nov 16, 1881.

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Texas and Pacific Railway Co.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Marshall, Tex. 11/12/ 1881

Dear Doctor: I regret that you had to call attention to fact that mortuary Report for this city had not been sent for some time. My repeated absences made this transmittance by me, necessarily so irregular that, I thought I had, arranged with City Secretary to send them promptly. He himself left a day or two afterwards and so the whole matter was neglected. I hope I shall be more at home, from this time, and will take pleasure in supplying the Statistics or do any other favor I can for the Board, towards forwarding its objects.

I send by this mail all delinquent Reports up to 5th Nov.

Very Truly Yours,

Jno. A. Hope

No. 8500 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson, Texas.

Dec 5th, 1881.

Beard Geo. R.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Forwards mortality report as published in newspaper at request of Dr Brown (Nov 2

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GEO. R. BEARD. V. H. CLAIBORNE.

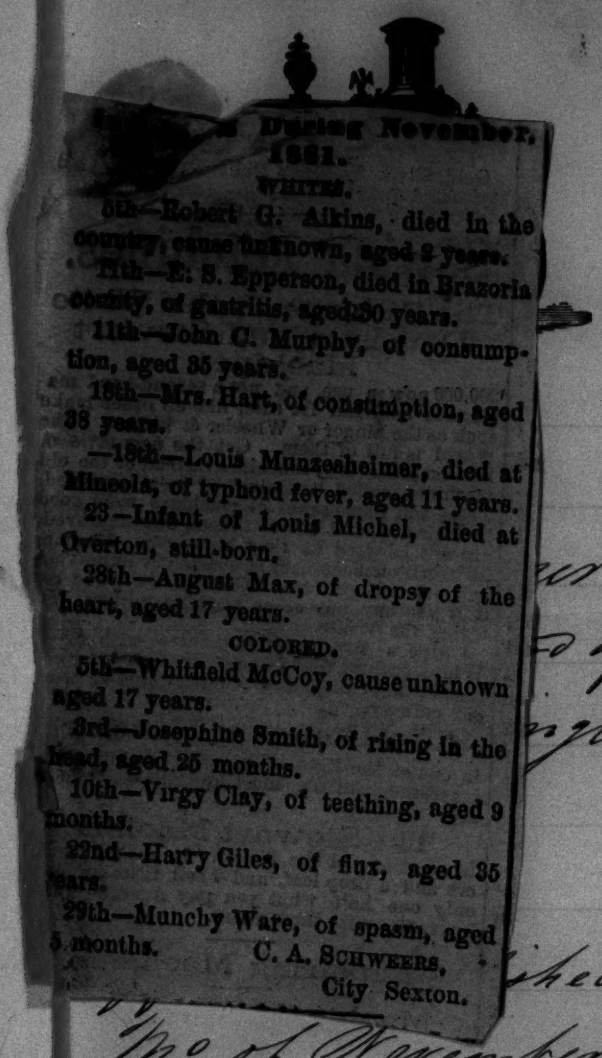
BEARD & CLAIBORNE,

GENERAL

INSURANCE AGENTS,

Office over Citizens Savings Bank.

Jefferson, Texas, Dec 15th 1881



During November, 1881.

WHITES.

5th—Robert G. Aikins, died in the county, cause unknown, aged 2 years.

7th—E. S. Epperson, died in Brazoria county, of gastritis, aged 30 years.

11th—John C. Murphy, of consumption, aged 35 years.

18th—Mrs. Hart, of consumption, aged 38 years.

18th—Louis Munzesheimer, died at Mineola, of typhoid fever, aged 11 years.

23—Infant of Louis Michel, died at Overton, still-born.

28th—August Max, of dropsy of the heart, aged 17 years.

COLORED.

5th—Whitfield McCoy, cause unknown aged 17 years.

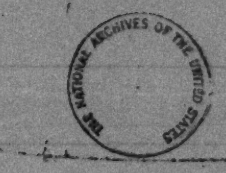
3rd—Josephine Smith, of rising in the head, aged 25 months.

10th—Virgy Clay, of teething, aged 9 months.

22nd—Harry Giles, of flux, aged 35 years.

29th—Munchy Ware, of spasm, aged 5 months.

C. A. SCHWEERS,
City Sexton.



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Dr Sir

Herewith I send you the
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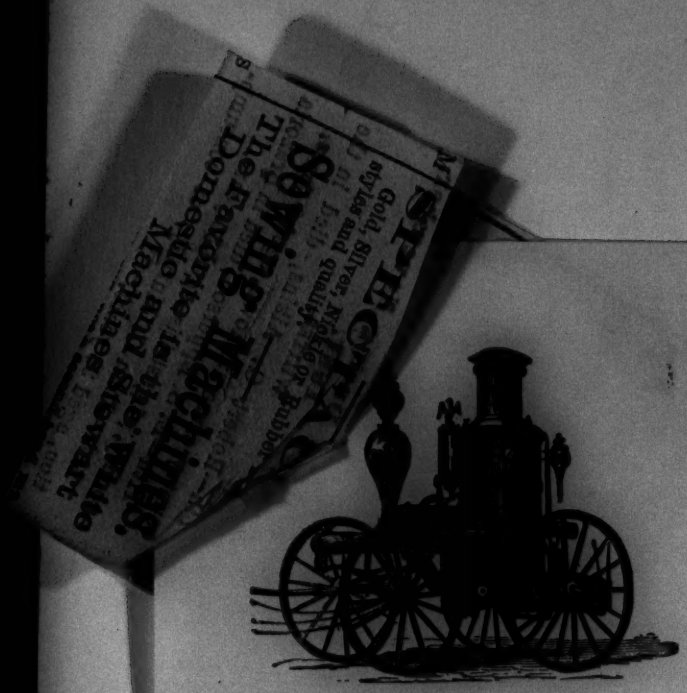
Brown and at his request

Very Respectfully
Geo R Beard.
Secy Jefferson Board of Health



V. H. CLAIBORNE.

BEARD & CLAIBORNE,

GENERAL

INSURANCE AGENTS,

Office over Citizens Savings Bank.

Jefferson, Texas, Dec 15th 1881

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

G J Turner Esqr
Sec'y State Bd of Health
Washington D.C.

Dr Sir

Herewith I send you the Official Published Mortuary Report of this City for Nov of November which I do in the absence of Pres't Brown and at his request

Very Respectfully
Geo W Beard
Sec'y Jefferson Board of Health

No. 8572 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco, Texas

Dec 10, 1881.

Brown H.W. M.D.

Wants cards.

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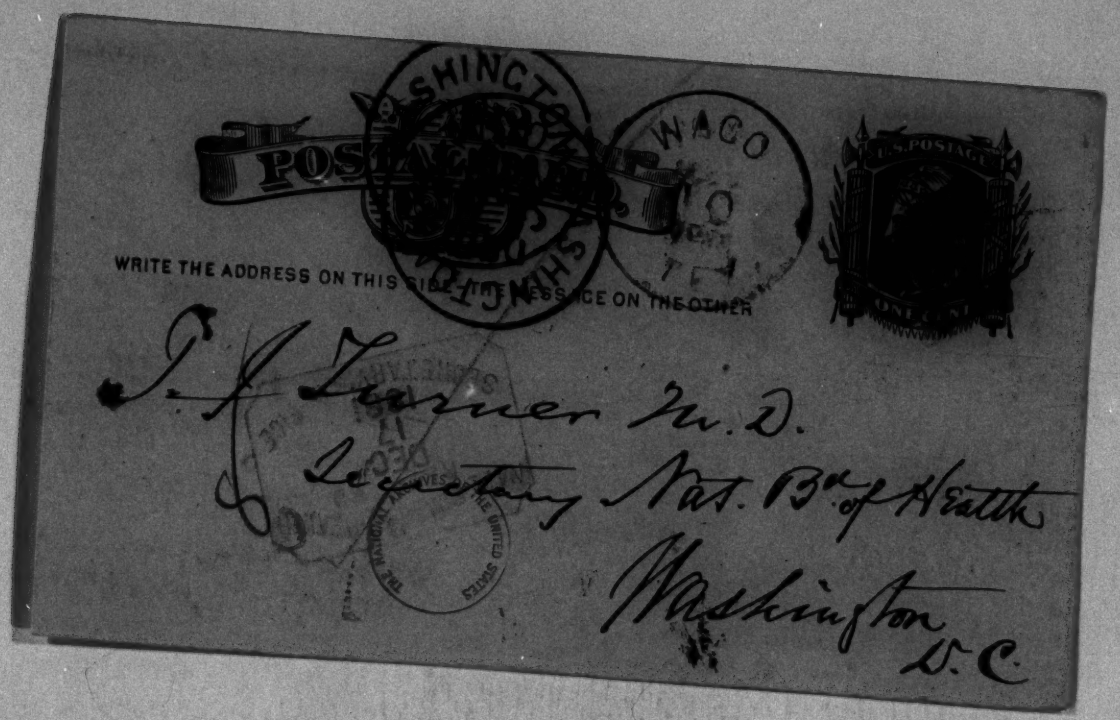
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P. H. Turner M. D.
Secretary Nat. Bd of Health
Washington D. C.

Waco Tex Dec 10 1881

My Dear D. Sorry we have
a little of interest to report
have had nothing either
the about grasshoppers out of the
Common ~~Cisterns~~ orders of
Goth - But Now I have only One
Blank left Perhaps you had better
send me more, with any instructions
necessary Yours truly H W Brown

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson, Texas

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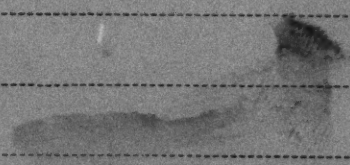
Beard Geo. R.

Forwards mortuary report



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Office over Citizens Savings Bank.

Jefferson, Texas, Jany 3rd 1882

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

J. J. Turner. Esqr
Secy National Board of Health
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir

We write to please find our City Section Published Mortuary Report for December 1881. Our President Dr Brown has not yet returned from New York, but is daily Expected

Respectfully Yrs
Geo R Beard.
Secy B of Health Jefferson Tex.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS. MONDAY. JANUAR

Interments During the Month of December, 1881.

WHITE.

Mr. Gunsbery, died at Alto, Texas, Dec. 1st, of—aged 30 years.

Maggie L. Vinson, Dec. 2nd, of—aged 15 months.

Mrs, Mary Gardner, Dec. 5th, of yellow jaundice, aged 49 years.

Mr. A. T. Bateman, died in the country December 5th, of pneumonia, aged 60 years.

Marion Carry Fitzgerald, Dec, 8th, of—aged 2 years.

Mr. — Everts, Dec. 12th, accidentally killed by T. & P. R. R., aged 22 years.

Edwin Kelsey, at Texarkana, of typhoid malarial fever, aged 22 months.

COLORED.

2nd—Margaret Moss, of pneumonia, aged 43 years.

2nd—Geo. Bledsoe, accidentally burned, aged 45 years.

6th—Lousisa Wheeler, of womb disease, aged 40 years.

6th—Infant son of Jim Adams, of hives, aged 5 days.

15—Mary Holloway, in the country, of old age, aged 95 years.

16th—Bruce Harris, of teething, aged 15 months.

18th—Infant daughter of Bettie White, still-born.

27th—Catherine Oles, in the country, of whoopingcough, aged 3 years.

29th—Anna Coyle, of chills and fever, aged 17 years.

30th—Amanda Clark, in the country, of womb disease, aged 57 years.

During the year 1881, there died within the corporate limits of Jefferson, Thirty-nine (39) white persons, twenty-one (21(males and eighteen (18) females. Twenty-one were over fifteen years of age and eighteen under fifteen years of age.

Colored persons died during the same time in the corporate limits, sixty-eight (68), thirty-five males and thirty-three females, making a total of one hundred and seven (107) deaths.

C. A. SCHWEERS, City sexton.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Laredo,
Texas
January 4, 1882

Wilcox M.D. U.S.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Wants vaccine virus
Will report deaths from
Laredo if cards are
sent.

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(Send cards for Laredo
Texas. Sent Jan 11 '82.

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Laredo Texas Dec 24th 1882

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Thos. J. Turner-
Medical Director
of the U.S.-army-

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A. W. Wilcox, M. D.,
SURGEON
MEXICAN NATIONAL
RAILROAD CO.
LAREDO,
TEXAS.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

My dear

I wish you would send me-
some vaccine virus there has
been several cases at austin and
smaller towns in the state and I
wish to be prepared. Reported for your
U.S. Health Bulletin at St Marys Hospital.
Galveston Texas
and if you will send me Postal cards—
will report for the city of Laredo - and for-
New Laredo in Mexico. You will find my name
on your books. If there is any charge for the virus
send amt of bill and I will remit- at
once I am Yours truly A. W. Wilcox MD
Laredo Texas —

No. 8854 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson Texas

Jany 16, 1882

Brown D. A. P.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Forwards report for Dec 1881.

Rel. to spread of small pox - asks discretionary power to stop suspected persons and footages -

Rel. to pay and wants envelopes.

Noted Jan 29/ Bub

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A. P. BROWN, M. D.

PRESIDENT
BOARD OF HEALTH.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, Jan 16th, 1882

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Dr Turner Sec National Board of Health
Washington D. C.

Sir

My Secretary tells me she has sent you Monthly reports while I have been away from Jefferson, Enclosed find report for December 1881, No deaths last week. I will continue reports as before. Am I allowed any pay for My work? I recieved a batch of Blank Cards for Reports of 2 in number &c.

Smale Pox is all along the line of Red River from New York to San Antonio Texas and our people demand of me some kind of protection other than vaccination. Had you not better give me a discretionary power & stop Suspected persons & packages. Our Roberts & Health Officer Mr Shivers on Sabine both been diligent & attend to this & it is best done by the National Board anyway. Please answer Officially &

Yours Respectfully
A. P. Brown M.D.
Health Officer

P.S. Please send me some official Envelopes to write to your Department

Yours
Inspector

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Interments for the Month of December, 1881.

WHITES.

Dec. 1st—Mr. Gansberg, died at Alto, Texas, of unknown cause; aged 30 years.

Dec. 2nd—Maggie L. Vinson, aged 15 months.

Dec. 5th—Mrs. Mary Gardner, of yellow jaundice; aged 49 years.

Dec. 5th—Mr. A. T. Bateman, in the country, of pneumonia; aged 60 years.

Dec. 8th—Marion Carey Fitzgerald, of cholera infantum; aged 2 years.

Dec. 12—Mr. —. Everts, accidentally killed by T. & P. railroad; aged 22 years.

Dec. 12th—Edwin Kelsey, of typhoid malarial fever, died at Texarkana; aged 22 months.

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Dec. 2nd—Margaret Moss, of pneumonia; aged 43 years.

Dec. 2nd—Geo. Bledsoe, accidentally burned; aged 45 years.

Dec. 6th—Louisa Wheeler, womb disease; aged 40 years.

Dec. 6th—Infant son of Jim Adams, hives; aged 5 days.

Dec. 15th—Mary Holloway, died in the country, of old age; aged 95 years.

Dec. 16th—Bruce Harris, of teething; aged 15 months.

Dec. 18th—Infant daughter of Bettie White, stillborn.

Dec. 27th—Catharine Oles, died in the country, of whooping cough; aged 3 years.

Dec. 27th—Anna Coyle, died in the country, of chills and fever; aged 17 years.

Dec. 30th—Amanda Clark, of womb disease; aged 57 years.

During the year 1881 there died within the corporate limits of this city thirty-nine white persons—twenty-one males and eighteen females. Twenty-one were over fifteen years of age. Sixty-eight colored persons died within the corporate limits during the same period—thirty-five males and thirty-three females, making a total of one hundred and seven deaths.

C. A. SCHWEERS,
City Sexon.

Houston dispatch of the 3rd, to the Dallas Herald: Burglars entered the [illegible] Crank a prominent

THE JE..ERSON DEMOCRAT

NEWS ITEMS.

Dom Pedro and wife will go to Paris in January.

Eighty Nebraska newspapers favor woman suffrage.

A Cincinnati factory moulds eleven miles of candles daily.

Cincinnati ranks next to Lynn, Mass., as a shoe manufacturing city.

Berlin has a population of 1,130,000 and church sittings for only 130,000.

The prince imperial of Japan is to be sent to Paris to finish his education.

The late Gen. Alfred Anstell, of Atlanta, left a fortune estimated at $750,000.

Oscar Wilde wants $200 a night for lecturing. Oscar is a little Wilde in his wants.

Mrs. Solomon, of San Francisco, died from the bite of an insect on the upper lip.

Congressman Blackburn and a party of Western statesmen are duck shooting on the Chesapeake.

The Washington monument commission will ask Congress for $200,000 to complete the work.

Hugh Davis, nephew of Hon. Jefferson Davis, is a member elect of the Mississippi Legislature.

Wilkie Collins is an invalid, and will remain for the winter at Toquay, a pleasant seaside shelter.

A train known as the Rapide now runs through from Calais to the Mediterranean, skirting Paris.

Samuel F. Hopkins, appointed administrator of the estate of his brother Mark Hopkins, of San Francisco, could not qualify, as bonds for $13,000,000 were required.

New York sight; Commercial $2 50a2 00 discount, bank par per $1000.

La. 7's are quoted to-day in New York at 68¼ bid.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction in Kentucky shows that there are in that St... ch...

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Waxahachie

Texas

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Florer J.W.

Rel. to reports—

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Waxahachie Ellis Co Texas

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S. J. Gromer MD
Secy N. B. H.
Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir I am in receipt of Blanks &c for enclosed work Take great pleasure in reporting And in any manner possible assisting in the Work.

But as per instructions are not required. Very little attention paid to Sanitary precautions

Respectfully W. S. Rogers

No. 9707 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jefferson, Tex.
March 1, 1882

Brown, Dr. A. P.

Relative to ~~road inspections in Texas~~.
Reports from Laredo & El Paso

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A. P. BROWN, M. D.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, March 18th, 1882

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MAR 23 1882

National Board of Health
Washington D. C.
Honored Sirs

I beg permission to call your attention to the fact that our Country is now in direct all Rail Swift Communication with Mexico through Texas by two approaches viz Laredo & El Paso and I do not see any Reports from either of these places in the National Bulletin. would suggest (as one Case of Yellow Fever has already been reported in our Sister Republic) that you appoint some Suitable person at each of these points from whom we can expect reliable Health Reports. Our Dr. R. L. Bibb of Austin Sec'y State Med Association could furnish you a name I would further suggest that the U S. Post Surgeon or Dr. L. Hudspeth of San Antonio be also requested to give us Reports from that large & growing City

Respectfully

A. P. Brown M. D.

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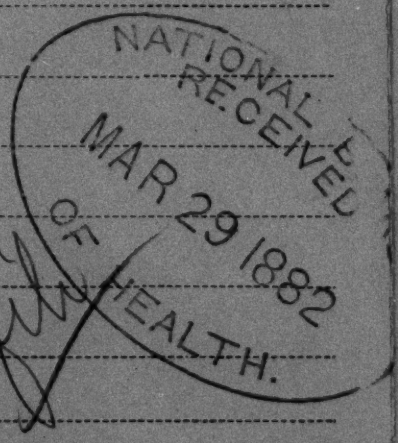
NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paris Texas

Mch 25, 1882.

Craigo J. J.
P. M

Reports health good.



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Paris Texas
March 25th 1882

National Board of Health
Washington D.C.

I have to report the Sanitary Condition of Paris good. No contagious diseases of any character

Your obt Servt
J.T. Craigo
Postmaster
Paris
Texas

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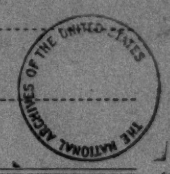
NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

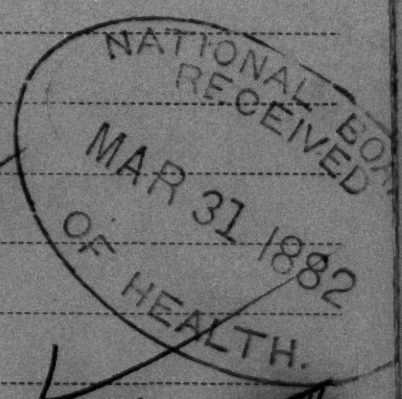
Jefferson Tex.

March 27, 1882.

Brown Dr A.P.



Wants N.B.H. to endeavor to get correspondents at Laredo & El Paso.



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PRESIDENT
BOARD OF HEALTH.

A. P. BROWN, M. D.

JEFFERSON, TEXAS, March 27th, 1882

Hon. J. J. Turner, Asst-Nat-Board of Health
Washington D. C.

Sir

Your answer to my suggestion about Inspectors at Laredo & El Paso clearly shows that you did not understand or that I did not make my intentions clear. I know you have not money for R. Rivers Inspection but thought you would be able to get permission to do as I do Report families & conditions & Mortuary of these places that we might be advised of a probable epidemic. I do believe some M. D. or Mayors clerk will make such reports without pay same as I do here Hoping the National Board will give us this protection

I am Respectfully
A. P. Brown, M.D.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Tyler
Texas
Mch 29, 1882

Hunt A. J.
P. M

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TYLER, TEXAS P.O. MAR 29 1882

Sec'y Natl Board of Health
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

I have to inform you that the sanitary condition of this place and vicinity is good, there being no contagious or epidemic diseases prevailing here-

Respectfully
A. F. Hamm
P.M.

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I have the honor to report that during the past week we had one death of an old citizen. Softening of the Brain. No case of small pox developed. Sanitary condition good.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
C. I. Perrell
A. A. & I. M.

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Paris

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Health Reft

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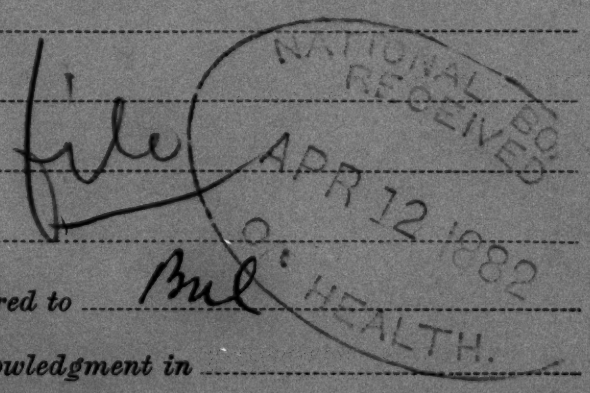

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Paris Texas
April 8th 82

National Board of Health
Washington D. C.

I have to report the health of Paris Lamar Co Texas. in excellent Condition. no contagious diseases of any character

Your obt Servt
J T Craig
P.M.

No. 10107 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waxahachie, Texas

Apr 7, 1882.

Flores J. W.

Ack'g Rept 1879 & forwards duplicate report of deaths

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Waxahachie Ellis Co Texas

Dr Sir

G J Turner
Secty Nat Bd H
Washington City
D C

Dr Sir. I am in receipt of the Report of the Natl Bd Health for which please accept my sincere thanks.

I also inclose duplicate Reports of deaths of this place that already sent having been made out under unfavorable circumstances may not be as satisfactory as desired

Very Respectfully
G. W. Flores

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National Board of Health,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Official Business.

Any person using this card to avoid the payment of postage on private matter of any kind will be subject to a fine of $300.

T. J. TURNER, M. D.,

Secretary NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

10107

REPORT OF DEATHS IN Waxahachie Texas

for the week ending Saturday noon, 8 April, 1882.

[Please note any mortality from unusual causes not specified in this blank. Please report cases of small-pox, and the prevalence, to a great extent, of any disease.]

Causes of Death.	Deaths. White.	Deaths. Colored.
Accidents of all kinds	X	X
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	X	X
Consumption (phthisis pulmonalis)	X	X
Croup	X	X
Diarrhœal diseases	X	X
Diphtheria	X	X
Erysipelas	X	X
Fever—Typhoid	X	3
Fever—Malarial	X	X
Fever—Scarlet	X	X
Acute lung diseases: Pneumonia	X	X
Acute lung diseases: Congestion of lungs	X	X
Acute lung diseases: Bronchitis, acute	X	X
Acute lung diseases: Pleurisy	X	X
Measles	X	X
Puerperal diseases	X	X
Small-pox	X	X
Whooping-cough	X	X
Biliary Calculi	1	
Autopsy Female age 34		
No Post Mortem Deaths		
from Gen Dyspepsia		
Population	1500	500
Deaths from all causes under 5 years	1	6
Deaths under 5 years		3

Remarks: Why Typhoid cases report the future termination depends in a great measure to us of proper nurses

Signature, J. M. Flores

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10295

Galveston

Texas

Ap 20, 1882.

Trueheart Dr C. W.

Quar. Phy

(For Dr Dennis see 10295)

Wants plans for quar. buildings.

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from Dr Bemiss

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Galveston, Apr. 20/82

Dr. Saml. M. Bemiss,
New Orleans;

Dear Sir:

As we are now just on the eve of erecting quarantine mare house buildings I take the liberty of invoking your good services to obtain information as to the most approved plan of construction of such mare houses, disinfecting apartments &c. If you will be so kind as to use your influence, also connected with the National quarantine authorities, to elicit in our behalf the plans &c of the National Q. mare houses &c

at ship Island or elsewhere
that you may deem best, you
will confer a signal favor
on me personally and on
the Quarantine authorities of
this section of the Gulf
coast.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
C. M. Truehart M.D.
Quarantine Physician
Galveston Bay

P. S.

He shall be pleased to com=
pensate the draughtsman for
a rough out-line sketch of
the plan observed in the con=
struction of said warehouse
&c.

J.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Waco Tex.

May 9, 1882

Brown H.W.

Rel. to Census

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H. W. BROWN, M. D.,

Physician and Surgeon,

OFFICE AT BEHRENS' DRUG STORE

51 AUSTIN AVENUE.

CC

Waco, Tex., May 9th 1882

J. J. Jones M. D.

Surg. N. & B. R. Austin

Wash. D. C.

My Dear Sir

Your Circular request

dated — In Answer I have

been by your Committee, giving

Population Black & White, as

taken by Our City Authorities

believing it the nearest approach

to Actual Population —

Our City is growing rapidly &

the increase of Pop. is not to be

had until another term of Municipal

Service — We have had no Epidemics or Ca-

lamities & the health so good as to require

no improvement — Wish I could have something

Worthy Your Consideration. Yours Obt Serv H. W. Brown

No. 10647 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas, Tex

May 16, 1882

Newsom & M M

Will report if cards are sent.

Sent May 20,

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Referred to V. H. Raelc

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POSTAL CARD
ONE CENT
NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.
Mrs J G Turner
Asst National
Board of Health
Washington
DC

Dallas Tex May 16/82

Mr J J Turner

Dear Sir

If you will furnish me with blanks, I will give you a weekly statement of this city

M McKenzie Jr
Health Officer

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No. 10966 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin Tex

June 11, 1882

Swearingen R. M.
St. H. O.

Rel. to quarantine on the Rio Grande and establishment of an inspection station at Bagdad Mex.

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Austin. Texas. June 11th 1882

J. L. Cabell, L.L.D. &c.
Pres. Nat. Board of Health.
Sir.

Your letter to Gov. Roberts in reference to persons entering Louisiana and Texas. via Brownsville Texas, evading quarantine &c. has been referred to me by His Excellency, with instructions to answer. Brazos Santiago. the port of entry into Brownsville, has an efficient officer, and he requires every one, not personally known, to make oath that they are not (within twenty days) from any infected place. We may expect infection to enter our State by way of Bagdad, - but we have no means of preventing it. The Mexicans have no quarantine laws, and no respect for quarantine establishments instituted on this side of the River.
We can not, I mean the Texas authorities, can not place a guard

at Bagdad, - even if we secured an agreement with the Mexican authorities to respect his orders, - for we can only pay, by law, one hundred dollars per month, and no one worthy the position would stay on that God forsaken Point for so little money. Last year we payed Doctor Combs of Brownsville, the above amount, to remain on this side at home, and go down, only when informed by Mexican Soldiers, that a vessel was off. Bagdad. The protection offered by such a loose system was so trifling, that I resolved with the Governors Consent to abandon it altogether, and did so.
We can not place guards along the river, it would require one every mile for forty miles, - and a Romanza King to meet the expenses, and even then a bottle of mescal, would dissolve the chain pickel,
Dr. Combs, has a great influence with the Mexican Gneral, and

would render good service, if employed to stay at Bagdad. Last year I had the honor of petitioning that your Hon. Board engage his services and station him there. A few lines from your Secretary Doctor Turner, informed me of the melancholy fact, that your appropriation would not justify the expenditure. As not one dollar was used, or asked for, to guard any other part of Syas, your decisive refusal was regarded as a determination on your part, to let us exercise to complete satisfaction, our extreme ideas, on State Sovreignty. If you can, and will establish a Station at Bagdad, - you will give greater security to our people - than we can possibly give them.

Respectfully Yr. Obdt. Servt.
R. M. Swearingen
State Missionary

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville,
Tex.

Tel-Pt- July 5 ,1882

Carson Thos.
Mayor

Rel. to employment
of D.C.B. Combe-

Ans'd by Tel-1294-

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Received at 741

Dated Monticello Ia July 3 1882.

To A N Turner

Secy Natl Board of Health

Washington D C

Please wire me if you have in contemplation the early employment of Dr C B Coulee as Inspector this District

Thos Carson, Mayor

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dallas, Texas.

July 3, 1882.

Newcomb M. M.

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J. W. Crowdus, Mayor.
M. W. Godbold, Treasurer.
J. C. Vogel, Assessor & Collector.
W. M. Johnson, Engineer.
Frank Field, Attorney.

→*OFFICE*←

City Health Officer,

M. M. NEWSOM, Health Officer.

E. M. Swink, Secretary.
A. W. Wheless, Supt. Water Works.
J. C. Arnold, Chief Police.
Chas. Wahn, Chief Fire Dept.

JUL 11 1882
OF HEALTH.

Dallas, Texas, July 3rd 1882

J J Turner M.D
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

I have forwarded to your address the Mortality report from the time of my assuming of the duties of Health Officer of the City of Dallas up to the week ending July 1st 82 I have made an effort to get the Mortality report for the week mentioned in your letter but with out any success. My Successor never turned over any thing pertaining to the Office not Even the Hospital Register.

I will try a ~~short~~ while longer if I can succeed I will forward immediately.

Yours
M. M. Newsom, H. O

No. 11680 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Laredo
Tex
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Ainsworth
Post Surg.

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No fever in Laredo
or vicinity -

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NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Received at Corcoran Building, S. E. Cor. 15th & "F" Sts., Washington, D. C.

Dated Laredo Tex Aug 3 1882.

To Turner Dep Sup Treas Washington DC

Yellow fever of very severe character in Laredo & many reported in Nuevo Laredo Vicinity

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Received at Corcoran Building, S. E. Cor. 15th & "F" Sts., Washington, D. C. Aug 3 1882.

Dated

To

Strictly

O M Roberts

Govt

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin, Texas.

Tel-fd- Aug 3, 1882

Roberts O. M.
Gov 2/11

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NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Received at Corcoran Building, S. E. Cor. 15th & "F" Sts., Washington, D. C. Aug 13 1882.

Dated Austin Tex

To Mrs J Turner

Dear Brother Kenneth

C S C.

Not a case of yellow fever in Texas reported Dr Swearingen has gone to Brownsville but has quarantined against Matamoras

1168 3960 Rush

No. 11701 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Galveston, Texas

Aug 5, 1882

Kelly Dr W. D.
Prest. B. H.

Rel. to sending ship to quar. station.

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Dated Galveston Tex 5

To Dr Turner

Surg Natl Board Health Washn

Can you receive 5 case
for a small schooner and
twenty four persons if ordered
to ship Island

N. S. Kelly M S Pres Board of Health Galveston Tex

No. 11869 State Rpts

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville
Texas.
Augt 19th, 1882

Corson Thos
Mayor
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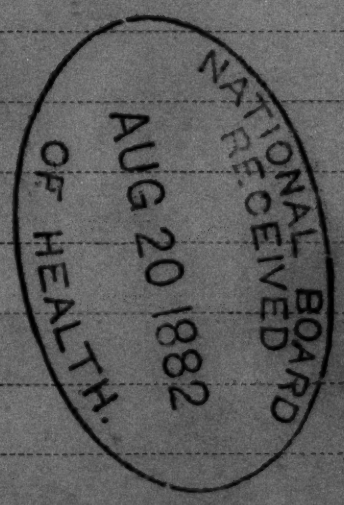
States needs of city—



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To Chas Mart

Surg Nat. Bd of Health

Washn D.C.

We have two hundred sick & over two thousand destitute in Consequence of sickness & quarantine we are expending

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To day for Medical & medical Supplies & relief to effectually Control the disease & Care for sick & Convalescents & destitute. We have about three hundred dollars per day Can Keep up our

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Dated 1883

To physicians & Eight professional Nurses & two Hundred additional doctors per day until our funds are exhausted & then about three hundred-

Hot Carbon

No. 11809 State Rpts

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brownsville
Texas.
Aug 22, 1882

Carson Thos
Mayor.

Tel

Expressing urgency of situation and requesting Telegrams to be referred to Surg Genl U.S.A. if U.S.M.H. can take no action

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To

Need two prescription clerks or Druggist to supply of flaxseed

Thos Carson
Mayor

No. 12,042 State Rpts

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Galveston
Texas
Sept 2nd, 1882

"Galveston News"

Rpt Concerning the Henrietta Case.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHAS. VIDOR,

COUNTY TREASURER

Is a Candidate for Re-election.

The Galveston News.

Saturday, September 2, 1882.

Daily Weather Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—The indications for the East Gulf States are: Partly cloudy weather and local rains; winds mostly southerly and stationary barometer, with stationary or higher temperature. West Gulf States are: Partly cloudy weather and local rains, northerly winds, stationary barometer, stationary or higher temperature.

War Department—Signal Service, United States Army—Division of Telegrams and Reports for the benefit of Commerce and Agriculture—Meteorological Record, Galveston. September 1, 1882, 1:45 p. m.

Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations named.

LOCALITY.	Bar.	Ther	Wind.		Rain.	Weather.
Galveston...	30.02	79	N	10	.75	Cloudy.
Indianola ...	30.03	77	N	10	.74	Cloudy.
New Orleans	30.00	84	SE	6	.06	Cloudy.
Brownsville..	29.97	90	W	11	.00	Fair.
San Antonio.	30.00	70	NW	9	.15	Cloudy.
Concho	30.12	67	NE	8	.00	Cloudy.
Denison.....	30.10	66	N	11	.11	Fair.
Eagle Pass..	30.18	69	NW	11	.24	Cloudy.
Elliott.....	30.04	73	NW	—	.—	Fair.
Sill.....	30.09	74	N	10	.00	Fair.
Stockton.....	30.14	65	N	8	.00	Fair.
Palestine	30.07	68	N	13	.05	Threat'g.

Change of barometer in the last eight hours: Galveston, .01 rise; Indianola, .04 rise; New Orleans, .04 fall; Brownsville, .00; San Antonio, .04 fall; Concho, .03 fall; Denison, .02 rise; Eagle Pass, .01 fall; Stockton, .04 fall; Palestine, .03 rise.

Change of thermometer in the last twenty-four hours: Galveston, 8 fall; Indianola, 8 fall; New Orleans, 1 fall; Brownsville, 1 fall; San Antonio, .22 fall; Concho, 10 rise; Eagle Pass, 17 fall; Elliott, 17 fall; Sill, 12 rise; Stockton, 9 rise; Palestine, 18 fall.

Special Weather Report from Galveston Cotton Belt.

GALVESTON, Sept. 1, 1882.—Observations showing highest and lowest temperature and rainfall for past twenty-four hours, taken daily, at 5 o'clock p. m.:

The following railroads kindly co-operate with the United States Signal Service by requiring their agents to take the observations and use their wire, without expense to the government, to transmit by them, viz.: Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, International and Great Northern, Texas and Pacific, Texas and New Orleans, Houston and Texas Central, Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, and Gulf, Western Texas and Pacific Railroads.

LOCALITY.	Maximum Temperature.	Minimum Temperature.	Rain fall.
Galveston.....	83	74	.77
Houston.....	86	73	.10
Hempstead.....	87	74	...
Hearne.....	84	65	...
Waco.....	91	62	2.00
Corsicana.....	84	55	.07
Dallas.....	77	56	36
Palestine.....	78	65	.14
Longview.....	92	66	...
Tyler.....	85	63	.77
Austin	90	64	.85
Huntsville	91	64	...
Luling.....	91	65	.37
Weimar.....	85	60	.27
San Antonio.....	79	62	1.41
Sour Lake Station...	86	72	.40
Beaumont.....	90	68	.18
Orange.....	89	65	.04
Weatherford.....	70	50	.36
Belton.....	80	61	.84
Cuero.....	91	68	.82

FOR GALVESTON COTTON BELT.

Mean Maximum. Mean Minimum. Mean Rainfall.

.....85..... .....65..... .....46.....

International & Great Northern R. R Through Time Card.

EXPRESS NORTH—	DAILY.	—EXPRESS SOUTH—
Lv. 9.15 A.M	Galveston	Ar. 5.30 P.M
11.55 A.M	Houston	3.05 P.M
6.10 A.M	San Antonio	10.00 P.M
10.55 A.M	Austin	4.45 P.M
1.18 P.M	Taylor	2.35 P.M
4.02 P.M	Hearne	11.15 P.M
Ar. 8.35 P.M	Palestine	Lv. 6.30 P.M
2.15 P.M	Little Rock	12.50 P.M
6.50 A.M	St. Louis	8.50 P.M
7.45 P.M	Chicago	9.00 A.M
10.35 P.M	New York	8.55 A.M

THE CITY.

Races Postponed.

Owing to the rains of yesterday, which have flooded the track at Oleander park, the races set down for to-day have been postponed until next Saturday.

Appointments.

Hon. J. E. Stubbs, upon the recommendation of the board of examiners, has appointed Miss Nellie Pitt, of this city, to the Sam Houston Normal Institute. He has also given an appointment to Miss Flora Sweet, also of this city. There are three vacancies yet to be filled.

The Fall Opening.

The first of September brought in two things: First, oysters and a genuine old-fashioned fall norther, which at one time blew sharply, and which very decidedly cooled the atmosphere. The oysters are not quite ripe yet, but the sample of norther received comes fully up to the standard, and a full consignment will not be objected to.

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Regular Meeting Last Night — Tart Letter from Dr. Swearingen — The Sand Question Acted Upon—Report of Dr. Marcus Campbell on the Henrietta Case.

The Board of Health met in regular session last night. Present: Dr. Kelley, president; Dr. Campbell, secretary; Drs. McClanahan and Rogers, Messrs. Dibrell, John, Tiernan and Vidor.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

Commenting on the matter of quarantine against Pensacola, Mr. John said that two weeks ago this board had quarantined against Pensacola, while only on the 29th the governor had issued his proclamation. Suppose a case had come in the meantime, where would we be now?

Dr. Kelley said that the governor had been in communication with Dr. Bemiss, of the National Board of Health, and that he had acted, he thought, on information from that source. If any vessel had come in from Pensacola this board would have stopped her without waiting for the governor's action.

The secretary then brought up the claim of Mrs. Strickland, which had been referred to the council and by them referred back to be paid out of the sanitary fund. Mr. Tiernan moved, and Dr. McClanahan seconded, that it be paid. Carried.

The secretary next called up Mr. Tiernan's resolution in regard to filling low places, which had been sent before the council, and by that body returned, with the recommendation that the work be done and paid for out of the sanitary fund. Mr. John thereupon offered a resolution, in substance as below:

To this resolution Mr. Tiernan offered the following amendment:

Resolved, that the mayor and Board of Aldermen be requested to appoint a street superintendent and to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to fill all low places in streets and alleys, and that this Board of Health condemn all low places in streets and alleys to be filled up, and that all persons or agents owning or holding property be prosecuted for failing to keep their property in a good sanitary condition in accordance with law.

A somewhat lengthy discussion followed the presentation of these two documents.

Dr. Kelley did not conceive that it was the business of the Board of Health to engage in the work of cleaning streets and alleys. Under the law there was a committee of the City Council to whom this power and duty were delegated, and if the Board of Health sought to interfere a cry of politics and jobbery would at once be brought up, and he for one did not propose to mix in such a matter.

Dr. Rogers indorsed the position taken by Dr. Kelley.

Mr. Dibrell said he had no more desire to be accused of political jobbery than any one else. He thought with Dr. Kelley, that it was the duty of the City Council to see to and look after these matters, but the people also looked upon this board as their guardians, and to them had committed the trust of protecting the health of Galveston. One of the things to be done in the accomplishment of this end is to put the city in first-class sanitary condition. The charge of political jobbery will be made any way, and so he thought the resolution ought to go through.

Dr. McClanahan, in deference to the objection of members to having the money asked for expended by the board, moved that the sum be expended by the health physician, under and by the advice and direction of the Board of Health. This amendment was accepted, and the resolution was then adopted in its following form:

Whereas, from continuous rains, which fill all low grounds in our city, in streets, alleys and lots, the same being detrimental to the health of our city, a small portion of which is given in THE NEWS of this date, the citizens of our city hold this board accountable in letter, while in law they are entirely free; again,

Whereas, the appropriation by the Board of Aldermen of $10,000 for sanitary purposes, to be expended by this Board of Health, is reduced this:

September 1, 1882, to	$5,309 37
Less disbursements for August	1,449 75
Balance for sanitary purposes	$3,859 62

which amount is absolutely necessary to pay as heretofore the expenses of sanitation; and,

Whereas, under the charter and by-laws of our city and appointment there exists a committee known as the street and alley committee, whose duty it is, and for their disbursement a special fund is placed at their disposal, whose duties are to repair and supervise the filling or repairing of streets and alleys; as this board has no desire to antagonize said committee, or perform any duty belonging therein to said committee; but under the present emergency, to give immediate relief, be it

Resolved, that if our Board of Aldermen in their meeting on Monday, the 4th instant, will by resolution delegate to this Board of Health full powers covering the case, and place at the disposal of this board the sum of $10,000, or so much as may be necessary to purchase and haul sand to fill the streets, alleys and lots, furnishing vouchers for sand, with expense of hauling and spreading same, that our worthy council may take the legal steps to make a lien on any property or alley so filled; therefore, if this our prayer be granted, the health officers will by the advice and consent of this board, proceed to fill needful places as they in their discretion may think necessary for the health of our city.

Resolved, that our secretary transmit to the mayor and Board of Aldermen a copy of this preamble and resolution for their consideration and approval.

Mr. Tiernan spoke upon the urgency of action, and said he had offered his amendment believing that the quickest and best way to reach the desired end.

Dr. Kelley thought the law needed amendment, so that if parties did not clean up and put their premises in condition they could be made to do so. He alluded to the manner in which non-residents could evade payment of improvement taxes, or fines, and to how the inequality bore down upon the residents. He thought that $10,000 would do but little good and that to fill up all places where it is needed would cost $50,000.

Dr. McClanahan said that while that might be true, yet it was the duty of the authorities to put down $10,000 this year, and $10,000 every year, if necessary, until $50,000 was put down, or until the town is put in good sanitary condition. He, for one, was tired of being fired at from every street-corner on account of the dirty condition of the town.

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Mr. John read from the New [York] of August 30, an article reza[rding] troupe and the schooner Henrietta, [de]nounced to be an infamous lie. [He] not deem the statement of Mr. Stu[art] of further notice, and no action was [taken] board then adjourned.

Personal.

Dr. E. D. Hamner has returned hom[e] attendance on the annual meeting of the Dental Association.

Mr. Wharton Branch has return[ed] lengthy business trip to Eastern Texas.

Miss Madie Johnson has returned [to] Houston.

Miss Pennie C. Hamilton and [her] family, of Shreveport, after [a visit] in Galveston, left yesterday, greatly regretted by a host [of] their brief stay.

Mr. Oscar O. Nation[al], of Victoria, is in the city. [He] a pleasant call.

Visitors to [the] ery. San Anto[nio] C. Eichlitz, [of] zoo, Mich[igan] Bayou.

Visi[tors] son, Kin[g] J. M[.] Miss [Ma]E. I[.] Hud[son] C. M[.]

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Another very heavy rain fell yesterday morning, flooding low places in the city.

Nothing has yet been heard from the missing route agent, A. H. Thornton. Judge Sabin last evening stated to a NEWS reporter that he had not received any information of shortages beyond the two already noted.

The Life-Saving Service.

Mr. W. A. Hutchings, superintendent of the Life-Saving Service, left yesterday afternoon for San Luis pass to put the force at that station on duty. He gives the following information to THE NEWS regarding the coast service:

Station No. 1, Sabine Pass—Will have no regular crew, a volunteer crew doing the work.

Station No. 2, Galveston—Not yet established.

Station No. 3, San Luis Pass, west end of Galveston Island—Crew filled and ordered on duty from September 1.

Station No. 4, Pass Caballo—Crew filled and on duty.

Station No. 5, Mustang Island, Aransas Pass—Crew filled and on duty.

Station No. 6, Brazos de Santiago—Not filled. Recommendation forwarded that this station be not filled until October 1, on account of the prevalence of yellow fever at Brownsville, and that action be deferred to await the subsidence of the fever.

Dr. Trueheart's Report.

The following report from Dr. C. W. Trueheart, quarantine officer, was forwarded from the station last night, but did not arrive in time for action by the board. It is given as going to show what his view was of the Henrietta case:

The American schooner Henrietta, whereof Benj. Tyler was master, left Brazos Santiago on the 31st of July, 1882, bound for Galveston and Lake Charles, La.; came to anchor in this harbor, close abreast of the station, on the morning of the 31 of August, with two cases, very suspicious of yellow fever, aboard. I at once caused her to be anchored in Bolivar roads, abreast of the State quarantine buildings on Pelican Island, with the quarantine flag at her masthead, and reported all the facts to the Board of Health.

At 4 p. m. the same day I went aboard the Henrietta, prescribed for the sick, and removed the two passengers for Galveston, John R. Van Liew and Jas. McKay, both of whom had already had well-marked attacks of yellow fever, in former years, to the quarantine station, where they were both detained in quarantine until the 24th of August. On the 4th I visited the schooner with Drs. Swearingen and Kelley, and attended to the sick; on the 5th I visited the schooner, carrying ice, lemons, etc., and attended the sick; on the 6th I went aboard the schooner and turned the case of her over to Dr. M. M. Campbell. We jointly held a post-mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Hattie Steck, who had died the night previously, between [illegible] and 4 o'clock. The stomach was found to contain black vomit material, and the discolored, softened coats in its mucous membrane; the liver was of the peculiar straw color so characteristic of the acute fatty (atrophy) degeneration found in yellow fever. These post mortem developments, together with the presence of 33⅓ per cent. of albumen in the urine, the range of fever from 104 to 106¼, and other symptoms during the illness of the deceased, justify the positive assertion that the patient, Mrs. Hattie Steck, died of unmistakable yellow fever. On the 7th, at 5 p. m., the schooner sailed in tow for Ship Island. All of which is respectfully submitted by C. W. TRUEHEART, M. D.,

Quarantine Officer Galveston Pass.

Police Record.

Clerk Leo Nichols has kindly furnished THE NEWS with the following list of arrests made by the police for month of August:

CITY CASES.

Assaulting and striking	18
Abusing and insulting	22
Abuse to animals	1
Allowing animals to run at large	3
Building a fire in a yard	1
Burying privy offal on premises	1
Bathing in a nude state in city limits	2
Being a common prostitute	5
Carrying a pistol on person	4
Contempt of court	1
Drunk and disorderly	12
Disorderly conduct	50
Drunk and down	7
Dumping night soil after 4 a. m.	2
Discharging firearms in city limits	2
Escaping from prison	1
Fighting	18
Interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty	2
Obstructing the passage of a railroad car	2
Obstructing the street	3
Removing earth from an alley	1
Raising and feeding swine on premises	1
Tying animal to sidewalk for the purpose of grazing	2
Renting a house to a prostitute for the purpose of prostitution	2
Vagrancy	2
Total city cases	175

STATE CASES.

Aggravated assault and battery	7
Assault with intent to murder	3
Adultery	1
Abuse to animal	2
Assault and battery	2
Challenge to fight a duel	1
Cursing and swearing in a public place	4
Carrying a pistol on his person	3
Carrying brass knuckles	1
Gambling	1
Habitual drunkard	5
Keeping a disorderly house	2
Murder	2
Slander	1
Swindling	1
Theft of property of more value than $20	5
Theft of property of less value than $20	2
Threatening to take life	1
Vagrancy or common prostitutes	12
Total State cases	56
Total city cases	175
Grand total	231

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I was not aware, at that time, of the anomalous rights and powers claimed by distinguished members of your board, and believing that I was performing an unquestionable and unavoidable duty—one prescribed by law and sustained by precedent—I ordered Dr. Trueheart, an officer commissioned by the State, and paid by the State, to have the passengers taken from the schooner to the buildings on Pelican island.

To my astonishment, I afterwards learned that I had incurred the displeasure of certain members of your honorable body, who invoked both law and eloquence, to show how I had usurped time-honored rights and transcended a limited authority.

In answer to that serious charge, permit me to direct your attention to "section 3 of an act passed by the special session of the Sixteenth Legislature," to wit:

"It shall be the duty of the quarantine officer of the State, county or city authorities, as the case may be, to furnish persons detained by them at quarantine stations with subsistence and shelter," etc.

The only shelter that I controlled was the one built by the State on Pelican island especially for persons held in quarantine having, or suspected of having, infectious diseases. These buildings had been located on Pelican three years before by State Health Officer Rutherford, with the concurrence of Dr. Pope, the representative of the National Board of Health, and the approval of a special committee from the Galveston Board of Health. I, too, have considered the location a very judicious one.

A million of dollars expended by your city, under the supervision of your best sanitarians and engineers, would probably have failed to furnish a place for the segregation of sick and well detained in quarantine more complete in all its appointments than Pelican island.

I had never heard a voice from Galveston intimate an objection to having it used for hospital purposes, and "reserved rights" were not once thought of when the unfortunate orders were given to have the passengers transferred.

The evening after these so-called autocratic measures of mine had been taken, your board convened in extra session, and promptly countermanded the orders that had been given Dr. Trueheart—orders, too, that had been approved by his excellency the governor of Texas.

If the precedent then and there made by the Galveston Board of Health is to be the rule of the future, and this State property on Pelican island is not to be used for hospital purposes, it is needless to repair and make it tenable.

I regret the necessity of bringing up these unpleasant subjects, more unpleasant to me, for obvious reasons, than to any one else; but the issue must be met sometime, and will doubtless [illegible] your city is swept by a cyclone of [illegible] your honorable board stormed by a crowd of prominent citizens who share its deliberations and shape its policy.

I beg that you take some action that will clearly indicate whether or not the precedent above referred to will be followed. If Galveston can afford to drain her treasury and embarrass her commerce by sending all vessels suspected of infection to Ship Island, the contemplated warehouse is a folly, and the money so generously given by the State is a wasteful extravance. I have the honor to be, doctor, your obedient servant,

R. M. SWEARINGEN, S. H. O.

Mr. John moved that it be received and filed. He said that much of it was directed at him personally, and if it was considered by the board, he would have to say some very hard things.

Mr. Dibrell moved that it be received and laid over until a full board was present. He thought the letter contained some very strong points. He for one did not want to go against the law.

Mr. Vidor also favored its reference to a full board. He referred to the excitement that existed at the period mentioned, and as the gentlemen who were present at those deliberations were absent from this meeting, he thought it well to hold the matter over until they should be present.

Mr. Dibrell's motion was then carried unanimously.

The following report from Dr. M. M. Campbell, who attended the schooner Henrietta to Ship Island, was read, received and approved:

To the President and other Members of the Galveston Board of Health—Gentlemen: By agreement with the president and secretary of your board, who had been instructed to "employ a physician to go on board the schooner Henrietta, then in quarantine, and take care of the sick, accompanying them to whatsoever port they may go," on August 6 I left the wharf on the steam lighter Buckthorne, called at the quarantine station for the quarantine physician, Dr. Trueheart, who accompanied me to the schooner Henrietta for the purpose of putting the persons who were or might become sick on board under my charge. On reaching the schooner I ascertained that twenty-four persons had left Brazos Santiago on her as passengers; that three of this number had been taken sick on the voyage. One death had occurred on the night of the 5th, probably fifteen hours before my arrival on board. After examining and caring for the two sick persons, both males, Dr. Trueheart and myself held a post-mortem examination on the body of the person (Mrs. Steck) who, as stated, had died about fifteen hours before. The result of this examination was to satisfy both Dr. Trueheart and myself that Mrs. Steck had died from yellow fever.

On the afternoon of the 7th instant, the steam lighter Maddox took the schooner Henrietta in tow, and we left Galveston harbor for the quarantine station on Ship Island, Mississippi, which place we reached on the 10th instant, no new cases of sickness having developed on the voyage. Soon after anchoring off Ship Island, the physician in charge of that station, Dr. Y. S. Scales, came to the schooner, and though he had no previous notification of the vessel being en route for that station, he, as soon as I reported the condition of the vessel and the cause of her being sent there, prepared at once for the reception of all on board, and during the detention in quarantine courteously administered to our wants, exercising at all times the most diligent care in the dis-

No. 12139. State Repts

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Austin
Texas,
Sept 11th, 1882

Roberts, Governor,

Copy of Quarantine Regulations against New Orleans.

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Acknowledgment in

Letter Book No. ...., 188 .

Cross References:

No. 13127 State Rpts

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Galveston,
Texas
April 7th, 1883.
Shaw, Robert

Relative to Pay for services as nurse at Brownsville, Texas under Dr. R.D. Murray U.S.M.H.S; and asking aid of Nat. Bd. of Health to procure the same.

Transmitted to President April 12th 1883.

Referred to Secy April 12

Acknowledgment in

Letter Book No 16 p 90 Apl 12, 1883

Cross References: 13138

Copy.

Galveston, Texas.
April 7th 1883.

To the President and Members of the
National Board of Health:
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to herewith submit to your Honorable Body, the enclosed Statement of facts.

My character and reputation for honesty and veracity will be attested by nearly every member of this business community, many of whom are personally familiar with the facts as stated by me.

Our party consisted of one female and five male nurses.

The female nurse was paid in full; the male nurses received but small portions of the amounts due them, and were left to get home as but we could; the small amount paid us about the first day of November, 1882, being used to settle our obligations incurred at Brownsville while we were there.

We were told that the balance of our money would be forthcoming "in a few days".

I am a poor man, and have endeavored

endeavored in every possible manner to obtain the money due me; having written to Surgeon General Hamilton of the Marine Hospital Service and also to Dr. R.D. Murry personally, to which communication he has paid no attention.

The pay-rolls which I signed were retained by Dr. R.D. Murry.

If any money has been drawn from the Treasury Department on my receipt it is a fraudulent voucher, and as the money was appropriated for the payment of such expenses, I certainly hope that my claim will receive your earnest consideration.

My Communications are forwarded to your Honorable Body with the hope that you may assist in meeting out justice to all concerned.

I am,

Very Respectfully Yr
(signed) Robert Shaw.

P.O. Address
C/o Hon. R.L. Fulton.
Mayor of Galveston.
Texas.

Copy.

I Robert Shaw, of the city of Galveston, State of Texas, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That on the 25th day of August 1882, at the city of Galveston, State of Texas, I was duly engaged by Dr. R. D. Murry, an Assistant Surgeon, Marine Hospital Service, as nurse, to go to Brownsville, Texas; which place was at that time infected with yellow-fever.

The length of time for which I was engaged to render such service was two months; the term of service to commence on the day of departure from Galveston and to cease on the day of returning to Galveston.

The rate of compensation to be paid for such services was Sixty Dollars per month and transportation from Galveston to Brownsville and return.

The compensation for extra time that might be used after the expiration of the first two months, was to be at the rate of five dollars per day.

During the said term of two months I faithfully performed all the duties required of me as nurse.

At the expiration of said term of two months, I duly demanded my discharge;

To-gether with the amount due to me for my services, as rendered. At the command of said Dr. R.D. Murry I signed two pay-rolls, one for the month of September and one for the month of October 1882. which action was stated by the said Dr. R.D. Murry to be necessary, before the money could be obtained from Washington, D.C.

Said Dr. R.D. Murry did not then nor has he at any time since, granted the discharge according to the agreement made with me.

Return transportation, as per agreement, from Brownsville to Galveston, was not furnished as demanded by me; and rations being refused I was compelled to 'work my passage' on the Steam-ship "J.C. Harris", in order to reach my home in Galveston.

I left Galveston on the 26th day of August 1882 and returned on the 16th day of November 1882; the term of my service being two months and twenty one days.

The amount due me for such service was (#225^00) Two hundred and twenty-five dollars (#30^00) Thirty dollars of which was paid at Brownsville about the first day of November 1882; some nine or ten days after my return to

my home.

The Balance of (# 175^00) one hundred and seventy-five dollars. I have endeavored in various ways to obtain, but have met with no success.

I have been informed by other nurses that they, also, never have been paid.

(signed) Robt Shaw.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this seventh day of April A.D. 1883. by Robt Shaw well known to me.

Witness my hand and official seal.

(signed) Wm R Johnson, Notary Public for Galveston County, State of Texas

Seal.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

No. 3017 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salt Lake City, Utah.
Oct. 3, 1879.

Taylor, Jos. E.

In regard to burial permits.

NOTED IN
BULLETIN.
DATE Oct. 10th.
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Salt Lake
S L City
Oct 3rd 1879

Secretary Stat Board of Health
Washington D C,

Your letter of Enquiry concerning
burial permits being issued
in this City to persons who wish
to bury their dead, received;
& will answer that the
Registrar of deaths (according to
City ordinance) is the only person
who has authority to issue permits
there being no board of Health
Established here & they more
than a Quarantine Physician
& assistant: neither are parties
required to produce a Doctors
Certificate as to cause of death

unless brought from a distance
or transient persons etc
and strange to say in a period of
thirty three years only two
deaths has been questioned
and Enquired into. In both
cases they were found to be all
right
The records of last year show
the total interments 497
attended by Physicians 360
" " Professional Nurses 34
Coroners Autopsies 17 411
Cases unattended 86
Thus you will perceive in the
absence of City ordinance we are
Establishing a custom that is
nearly law the people acting
Voluntarily without being liable to pun-
ishment Hoping this will answer
your Questions I remain Very Respectfully
Yours Jos E Taylor
Registrar of deaths

No. 4235 "UTAH State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salt Lake City, Utah.
Oct 1, 1880.

Taylor, Joseph E.
Registrar

Sends mortuary report for week ending Jan 3, '80

Reid.
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V.H.

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Salt Lake City
Octr 1st 1880

J. J. Tunnicliff Esq
Sec N. B. of Health
Washington
D C

Enclosed find Card
Containing returns (Mortuary)
for the week Ending Jan 3 1880
as per your requisition of Sept
23rd date

Very Respectfully
Joseph E Taylor
Registrar

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

No. 990 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alexandria, Va.

July 24, 1879.

E. A. Stabler

Returning mortuary cards.

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POSTAL CARD

ALEXANDRIA JUL 24 VA.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

ONE CENT

Secretary National
Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Secretary Nat. Board of Healths -

Sir

I return the cards sent. I am sorry to say that there is no law requiring the registry of diseases and deaths. Therefore no accurate reports could be obtained

Resp. E. S. Stabler

No. 1020 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va

July 25, 1879

Loyall B. P.

Wants a small vessel for quarantine purposes.

L. B. Mis. 12/79 P.

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Office of the Quarantine District
of Elizabeth River.
Norfolk. Va.
July 26. 1879

Dr. T. J. Turner
Secty. Nat. Board of Health
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Quarantine Commissioners of this District held this date, the Secretary was instructed to Communicate with the Nat. Board of Health, requesting that some small and easily Managed Vessel should be sent to the Navy Yard here and prepared for the Emergency of an infected Vessell with sick Crew, Com-

-ing to this port for aid. We are not provided with any appliances for the purpose and feel that humanity demands that we should have some means of treating patients at Quarantine other than what may be afforded on board an infected vessel.

The Board of Quarantine Commissioners would prefer a vessel of the "Saratoga" class or smaller

The only funds appropriated by the Municipality for the use of this Board are for the Salary of the Quarantine Medical Officer & for the Keeper of the Quarantine Flag. I am very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.,

D. P. Loyall.

Secretary.

No. 1585 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Markham Station
Va.

July 14, 1879

Payne Dr a.s.
add. to Surg. Gen Barnes
N.d.a.

Rel. to Quarantine
Station at Hampton
Roads.

(Rec'd from W. Billings Apr. 20/80)

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
APR 20 1880

Markham Station Fauquier Co
Va July 14. 1879

Surgeon General Barnes

Dr Sir

I see in connection with the Guarantine arrangement, the U.S. Government will build a Hospital near Hamptin Roads - It will be very important for this Hospital to be under the charge of a very able Physician and Surgeon - I presume we all would like very best man for this place if he can be found - For this reason I desire at this early day to call Your attention to one who I have long honored for his great Scientific Attainments, Sterling worth, and surpassing Modesty. I conceive for this most important position we need a man of enlarged practical knowledge, assisted by an extensive acquaintance with the Bibliography of Yellow Fever and Epidemic Diseases. A man of powerful reasoning powers, acute observation and ample training. No other can grapple successfully with the subject or sift the wheat from the chaff - Such a man as we need I am persuaded will be found in the person of Alfred G. Labaudt M.D. London Bridge Prince George Co Va - and I thus early call your attention to him for fear, from his retiring modesty his very superior abilities, for this position may be unintentionally overlooked by the approaching Season

Yours with great respect

Alban D. Payne M.D.

Dr is the author of the
most exhaustive monograph on Epidemic Fever
in Transactions Med Soc of Va 1872

No. 2039 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Fairfax C. H. Va

Sept 4, 1879

Dorsey R. W.

Ack'g Bulletin.
Rel. to Vienna, Va.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.
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2088 Hill 9-9 misc

Answered

BOARD RECEIVED SEP 5 1879 HEALTH

Halifax C. H. Va.
Dr R. W. Dorsey 4th. Sept. 1879
Dr.

Accept my thanks for the Nat. B. of Health Bulletin. Dr. Cabell had sent me No. 3. which is out of print.

During the past summer there were a great many cases of sickness of a diarrhoeal and dysenteric nature. Cholera Infantum was quite common in this village & vicinity, and there were many fatal cases. Such

These diseases prevailed during the first two months of Summer. which were unusually dry. While many of the days were intensely warm, and were followed by very cool nights.

The health of this village

and vicinity, is good at present.
There are, as far as I know, but
six cases of disease in the
village. and they are in the
family of one citizen; his
wife and five children being
affected with Pharyngitis.
I know of no case of Typhoid
Fever at present.
One of the Physicians of the County
has reported a case of Malarial
Fever occurring in his practice,
a week since. some three miles
east of here.
At Vienna, six miles north of
this place, and located on
ground highly favorable for
the production of malarial
fevers. a number of such
cases have been reported of
late, some fatal.
It is my intention to see the

Physicians of that locality and procure from them a history of these cases. Which I will forward for your information.

I will also endeavour to draw up a map of Vernna, and indicate on it the swamp-land, upon which a large portion of that village is built.

The sanitary condition of this village (Fairfax C. H.) is now quite good.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
R. W. Dorsey

Dr. T. J. Turner,
Secty. Nat. B. of Health.
Washington, D. C.

No. 2174 State Repts

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alexandria Va

Sept 8 , 1879

Stabler D. E. A.

Will act as correspondent.

No burial permits—no registry of births, deaths or marriages (by law)

Pop. 16000

Gives description of place.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED SEP 9 1879
NOTED IN BULLETIN,
DATE Sept. 15th

National Board of Health.

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Respectfully referred to

Secretary.

Alexandria Va. Sep. 8-79

Dr. T. J. Turner,
Sec. Nat. Board of Health,
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 5th inst. was redewed on the 6th. I will gladly act as correspondent of the Board and will furnish as full reports as I can. The council has no law requiring the registry of births, deaths and marriages. No burial certificates are required. When the city council meets after the summer recess, I will endeavor to get them to pass a law for the registry

of vital statistics
Alexandria is a city of
about 16,000 inhabitants.
The situation is remarkably
good for surface drainage
It is built on a hill sloping
towards the Potomac River
on the east. On the north
south, and west sides,
there are very good
grades for drainage.
The soil is chiefly
composed of clay. There
are no sewers. In the
north eastern part of
the city are some im-
perfectly drained marsh-
es. There is an abundant
supply of very excellent
drinking water (free from
all injurious matters)
The sanitary arrangements

are under the control of a Health Officer, a Board of Health and a Superintendent of Police.

The sanitary precautions consist chiefly in keeping the streets and alleys clean & repaving the same when necessary and compelling property holders and tenants to remove nuisances from their premises.

The only improvements at present in the drainage system are paving and grading the alleys where they are declared nuisances and improving the drainage of the marshes. The health of the city and vicinity is remarkably

good. There are some cases of Malarial Fever in the suburbs and in the surrounding country, but they are of a mild intermittent type. Typhoid (Enteric) Fever is a comparatively rare disease here. Diarrhoeal Diseases (infantile and adult) have prevailed to some extent during the summer. There have been a few cases (sporadic) of Diphtheria, Scarlatina, and Pertussis in the city and vicinity during the summer. There are no other Miasmatic Zymotic Diseases in the city at this time.

Resp. E. A. Stabler M.D.

No. 2742 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Lynchburgh Va
Sept 27, 1879.

Walker Thos. L. Pres't B. H.

Burial permits have been required since 1873.

NOTED IN BULLETIN,
DATE Oct 2d

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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OF HEALTH.

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Lynchburg Va Sept 27. 79

Dear Sir

Burial permits have been since 1873 required in all cases of death occuring in this City. Your former inquiry upon this subject did not reach me. I mailed to your address one Monday report for August, about the first of this month.

Respectfully &c
Thos. L Walker
Pres Board of Health

No. 3180 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va

Oct 15, 1879

Parks Marshall

Rel. to construction of a canal for drainage

D.C.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH

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Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal Co.

CHESAPEAKE BAY TO ALBEMARLE & PAMLICO SOUNDS.

Marshall Parks, Pres!

Norfolk, Va. 15 Oct 1879.

Dr. Thos J Turner,

Secretary National Board of Health,

Sir:

As Chairman of a Special Committee of the Common Council of the City of Norfolk, I have under consideration a projet for the construction of a Canal in a central location for drainage purposes.

The City of Norfolk is without drainage, and one important element in her wealth consists in the extensive oyster beds which are only too recklessly interfered with at times. It is my desire to recommend to the Council a national and permanent Sanitary improvement. The City has been long exempt from Yellow fever, but we must do all in our power to remove even a bare suspicion of its possible presence in future seasons; and I feel that any advice the National Board of Health might favor us with in relation to the effectual

GENERAL OFFICES
Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal Co.
CHESAPEAKE BAY TO ALBEMARLE & PAMLICO SOUNDS.
Norfolk, Va. _____ 18
Marshall Parks, Pres't

sanitation of this Central Port, would
meet with thankful acceptance

After the 25th Inst I shall be at
liberty to meet any gentlemen who
may be appointed to investigate
this important question, and I trust
that special attention will be given
to the urgent topic of how best to dispose
of the sewage of this flat region

I am, Sir
Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Marshall Parks Chm
Special Com. C.

No. 3276 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va

Oct 20, 1879

Nash H. M
med Off of Quar.

Rel. to quar.-t sanitary matters with allusions to Prof. Gamgee, also to reports of y.f. cases having passed thro' Norfolk to hospital at St Vincent de Paul

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Ans. Oct. 22/79 p 544 5.

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Norfolk Dec. 20th 1879

Dr Tho J Turner
Secty National Board of Health
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

Dr. Jas. D Galt, who is the Health Officer of the City of Norfolk, but who has nothing to do with Quarantine matters, has just referred to me, yours of the 18 inst to himself, enclosing a letter from Prof Gamgee to yourself, which letter requires some notice at my hands.

I am the Medical Officer of Quarantine for the District of the Elizabeth River, which includes the Ports of Norfolk & Portsmouth and the adjacent villages, the regulations for which district are made by a Board of Quarantine Commissioners This Board not having as yet adopted the rules & regulations of the National Board of Health, I have not consequently made regular reports of the transactions at our Quarantine station. If however, I progress to adopt them soon, I have requested me to visit Washington as soon as this is effected, and make a full report of our condition and wants.

But Prof. Gamgee has been led into egregious error, by some one, whether intentionally or not. We are not all absolutely benighted here, as to sani-

tary matters, and he need not fear that any steps will be actually taken involving any outlay of money, without the most mature consideration & the advice of those best calculated to form it. What will be done in the future, is only now problematical, nothing of importance can now be done, owing to the pecuniary condition of the City".

The statement that fever cases (inferentially yellow fever) have been recently transported through the City to the Hospital of St Vincent de Paul, is also without foundation - He seems to presume, that records of police dispositions &c are not made, perhaps not known, to the Quarantine Officer

Having had an experience of many years, in the various types of fevers, including Yellow fever, which latter I see almost annually, and knowing well the state of public opinion in the City as to these matters, I would be the very last to take any unnecessary risk in this direction

Yellow fever is never allowed to come into the City from Ship Board

Very Respectfully Yr Obt Svt
J. M Nash
Med Officer Quarantine Norfolk.

No. 3339

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

U.S.M.H. Service

Oct 24, 1879.

Hamilton Dr Jno B.

Rel to transportation of
y-f. cases thro Norfolk
to hospital at St Vincent
de Paul

also rel to discontin-
nance or estab. of
marine hospitals

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
OCT 25 1879

Treasury Department,

OFFICE SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,

Washington, Oct. 24th, *1879.*

Dr. Thomas J. Turner,

Medical Director M.H.S.

Secretary National Board of Health.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of the 18th and 22nd inst., in relation to cases of yellow fever being transported through the city of Norfolk to the contract hospital, St. Vincent de Paul, in that city, and to state that, in my opinion, the statement of Professor Gamgee is entirely without foundation in fact, and gratuitous on his part.

Further, Surgeon Murray of this Service has had, probably, as much experience in the treatment of

of yellow fever as any physician of his age in the United States, and would in no way be likely to send patients to that hospital affected with that disease. Furthermore, in case such patients arrive at the city, that only reflects on the Quarantine officer, and not on officers of the Marine-Hospital Service.

In this connection I have to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding extracts from reports of inspectors which recommend the establishment or disestablishment of marine hospitals, which matters are clearly within the exclusive jurisdiction of this Office.

Very respectfully,

John B Hamilton

Surgeon General

U.S. Marine Hospital Service.

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No. 3779 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va

Nov 15, 1879

Cabell Dr J. G.
Treas B. H.

Answers to Schedules
also Rep. of B. H. for 1876
and "outline of course
of Studies of Schools.

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Office of the Board of Health,

Richmond, Va., Nov 15 1879

Dr J. L Cabell
President American Public Health Association
Dear Sir

I here with submit answers to the enquiries embraced under different Shedules in the circular issued by the Association in connection with the National Board of Health. In the preparation of these papers, I have been aided very materially by Mr S. Edward Bates asst Engineer of this city. Schedule "G" was prepared by Mr John H Knowles Superintendent of the Gas works. Schedule "M" by Mr Alfred Moses, Secretary of the School Board. Schedule "O." was prepared by Capt" John Poe the Chief of Police

Very Respectfully
J. L. Cabell M. D
Pres't Board of Health

OFFICE OF THE

Board of Health,

RICHMOND, VA.

I send in another envelope two printed reports, one from this Board & one from the Sabine Board

J. L. C.

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Dr James I Waddell

President of the American

Public Health Association

Nashville Tennessee

No. 3864 "State Reports"

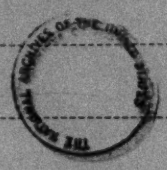
NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alexandria Va

Dec 1, 1879.

Stabler E. A.

Health report



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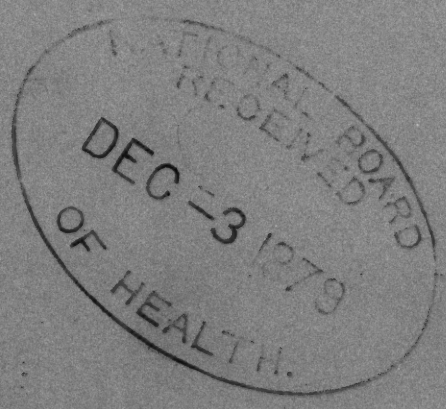

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Alexandria Va Dec 1st 1879

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Dr. J. J. Turner

Sir

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Since my last letter (Sep 8th) Alexandria and its surrounding country have been remarkably healthy. The autumnal malarial fevers have been generally very mild in character and the cases few. There are no zymotic diseases prevailing as epidemics. There have been occasional cases of Typhoid fever, and

Typho-malarial. The
climatic conditions
are identical with those of
Washington and require
no report from me.
No improvements have
been made in the drain-
age, or other sanitary
arrangements.

Respectfully
E. A. Stabler

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 3978 State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va
Dec 10, 1879

Nash H. M.
Quar. Off.

Sends lists of vessels examined at above Quar. Station from May 1 – Oct 31/79

States that the Board of Quar. Commissioners as well as the Board of Health of Norfolk Va will formally adopt the rules of the N.B.H.

Will make reports when this is done.

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THE NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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Surg Jh. J. Turner
Secy National Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I send by 5 days mail for your information, a list of the vessels examined at this Quarantine Station during the season just ended. viz from May 1st to October 31st 1879 - I have used your blanks for convenience, & you will excuse the changes I was obliged to make in them - Our Board of Quarantine Commissioners, as well as the Board of Health for this City will formally adopt the rules & regulations of the National Board of Health; the former at their next meeting - As soon as this is done, I shall feel bound to make regular weekly reports during the season when sickness may be expected

Respectfully Yours &c
W. M Nash
Quar. Officer Port Lights Rivers

National Board of Health.
Form 3.

~~WEEKLY~~ REPORT of Quarantine Inspections and Operations at the Port of Norfolk Va

for the ~~week~~ month ending October 31st, 1879.

ARRIVED DURING THE WEEK.

NO.	NAME OF VESSEL.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	NAME OF COMMANDER.	WHERE FROM.	DAYS OF PASSAGE.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NO. OF CREW.	NO. OF PASSENGERS.	CARGO.	BILL OF HEALTH.	SANITARY CONDITION OF VESSEL.	DISPOSITION OF VESSEL AND REMARKS.
1	Buenaventura	Steamship	Balliqua	Matanzas	5	Oct 1st	41		Ballast	in Quar	fair	as the steamship wanted to retain the ballast. Thos was leveled, planked over & the next day the hold was fumigated, and the ships hold was loaded with cotton before she was allowed to finish loading at the wharves –
2	Monarch	"	Stockdale	Cardiff	13	" 5th	31		"	Clean	good	pratique free
3	Arcturus	Bark	Kelley	Liverpool	37	" 7th	15		Salt	"	"	" "
4	Nellie Grant	Schooner	Jordan	Brunswick	15	" 9th	5		Lumber	none	"	" "
5	Egbert	Steamship	Falkner	Galveston	9	" 9th	25		Cotton	"	"	" "
6	Norman Monarch	"	Duncombe	Constantinople	36	" 11th	20		Ballast	Clean	"	" "
7	Sarah B Cann	Bark	Boveridge	Liverpool	42	" 11th	14		"	"	"	" "
8	Northumbria	Ship	Johnson	"	37	" 11th	20		Salt	"	"	" "
9	Mary Hogarth	Bark	Shields	Rio Janiero	45	" 12th	13	3	Ballast	"	"	" "
10	Reformer	Bark	Brown	Belfast	39	" 18th	20	2	"	"	"	" "
11	Propontis	Steamship	Thomson	Newport Wales	13½	" 18th	35		"	"	"	" "
12	Ansgar	Bark	Grundesen	Dunkirk	50	" 21st	10		"	"	"	" "
13	Emiliano	Steamship	Arrieta	Cardenas	4	" 28th	46		Sugar & ballast	"	"	" "
14	Minnie A Gerow	Steamship	Gerow	Belfast	46	" 24th	24	4	Ballast	"	"	" "
15	Kinburn	Ship	Larkin	Dublin	40	" 25th	18		"	"	"	" "
16	Euphrates	Steamship	Mitchell	Cardiff	15	" 26th	27		"	"	"	"
17	Lizzie Fennell	Ship	Smith	Tybee Ga	17	" 26	17		"	"	"	"
18	Highbury	Steamship	Garoon	New Orleans	8	" 26	25		Cotton & sundries	"	"	" Vessel ship
19	Devonshire	"	McGatchen	London	17	" 27	32		Ballast	"	"	"

REMAINING IN QUARANTINE AT DATE OF LAST REPORT.

NO.	NAME OF VESSEL.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	DATE WHEN PLACED IN QUARANTINE.	DISPOSITION OF VESSEL AND REMARKS.

I certify that the above is correct.

H. M. Nash

Quarantine Officer .....

National Board of Health.
Form 3.

~~WEEKLY~~ REPORT of Quarantine Inspections and Operations at the Port of Norfolk Va

for the ~~week~~ month ending September 30th, 1879.

ARRIVED DURING THE WEEK.

NO.	NAME OF VESSEL.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	NAME OF COMMANDER.	WHERE FROM.	DAYS OF PASSAGE.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NO. OF CREW.	NO. OF PASSENGERS.	CARGO.	BILL OF HEALTH.	SANITARY CONDITION OF VESSEL.	DISPOSITION OF VESSEL AND REMARKS.
1	Three Cheers	Brig	McConnell	Trinidad	33	Sept 11th	6		Ballast	none	Good	pratique free
2	Amazonense	Steamship	Holgate	Liverpool	16	" 19th	34	-	Salt	clean	"	" "
3	Ida	Bark	Lafsen	Bahia	30	" 22d	10		Ballast	"	"	" "
4	Enchantir	Bark	Jaffe	New Orleans	17	" 22d	12	2	Grain	none	bad but	was required to discharge grain at Lucas Station having sprung aleak, pumps choked & bilges frightfully offensive - grain fermenting &c -
5	Troy	Bark	Omundsen	Marsala	59	" 23d	10		Ballast	clean	Good	pratique free
6	Condor	Bark	Mockley	Amsterdam	37	" 24th	15		"	"	"	" "
7	Wm Connors	Schooner	Morissey	Port au Paix	15	" 27	6		Logwood	"	foul	The mate of this vessel died before she was boarded, & four men were sick - Examined the body of the mate & had him buried - Made the sick men as comfortable as possible & treated them & kept them under observation for three days - Having decided the cases were remittent fever, & not yellow fever, the most distinctive features of the latter being absent, I had these men washed, clad in new clothing & sent to Marine Hospital - Vessel after cleaning & airing was allowed to sail for New York -

The death occurred from starvation & want of treatment

REMAINING IN QUARANTINE AT DATE OF LAST REPORT.

NO.	NAME OF VESSEL.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	DATE WHEN PLACED IN QUARANTINE.	DISPOSITION OF VESSEL AND REMARKS.

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P. M. Nash

Quarantine Officer .....

National Board of Health.
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~~WEEKLY~~ REPORT of Quarantine Inspections and Operations at the Port of Norfolk Va

for the ~~week~~ months ending June 30th, July 31st & August 31st, 1879.

ARRIVED DURING THE WEEK.

NO.	NAME OF VESSEL.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	NAME OF COMMANDER.	WHERE FROM.	DAYS OF PASSAGE.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NO. OF CREW.	NO. OF PASSENGERS.	CARGO.	BILL OF HEALTH.	SANITARY CONDITION OF VESSEL.	DISPOSITION OF VESSEL AND REMARKS.
1	Rita	Steamship	Gartiez	Matanzas	4	June 4th	35		Sugar	none	fair	allowed to coal ships one mile below city
2	Three Cheers	Brig	McConnel	Trinidad	36	" 11th	6		Ballast	-	Good	pratique free
3	Sir Carl	Schooner	Simmons	St. Barts	15	" 13th	7	6	Fruit	-	"	" "
4	Saama	Brig	Lundberg	Grimsby	59	" 13th	14		Ballast	clean	"	" "
5	Vandalia U.S	Steamship	Meade	Key West	14	" 17th	180		Ships Stores	"	"	" "
6	Eduardo	"	Echerarria	Matanzas	4	" 24	46		Sugar	none	fair	allowed to coal ship one mile below city
7	Manuela	"	Larraudi	"	5	July 2nd	29		"	"	"	" " " "
8	Tropic	Steamship	King	Jamaica	8	" 6th	19		Fruit	"	Good	" " at wharf
9	Borinquen	"	Izzarguirri	Saqua	4½	" 10th	30		Sugar	"	fair	" " one mile below city
10	Gracia	"	Larranaga	"	4	" 16th	36	1	"	"	"	" " " "
11	Minitillan	Steamer	Whaley	Frontera	15	" 19th	16	1	Ballast	"	Good	" " at wharf
12	Joseph Allen	Schooner	Baker	Key West	9	" 26th	5		Wrecking Mater'l	-	"	pratique free
13	David Dudley	Bark	Johnson	Cienfuegos	49	Augt 18th	10		Coal	"	Good	pratique free (via Philadelphia)
14	Edith Hall	Brig	De Winter	Martinique	58	" 14th	8		Ballast	"	"	" "
9	Mary A Powell	Schooner	Simmons	Fernandina	9	" 26	7		Lumber	"	"	" "

REMAINING IN QUARANTINE AT DATE OF LAST REPORT.

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				Bark David Dudley & Brig Edith Hall were examined under an order of the Quarantine Commissioners requiring the examination of all vessels arriving, having been within any West Indian port within 60 days previous to arrival - This order was made in consequence of several vessels arriving here, having discharged their cargoes of sugar & molasses in Baltimore & elsewhere, with stinking bilge waters in their holds -

I certify that the above is correct.

Herbert ell Nash

Quarantine Officer .....

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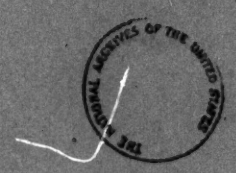

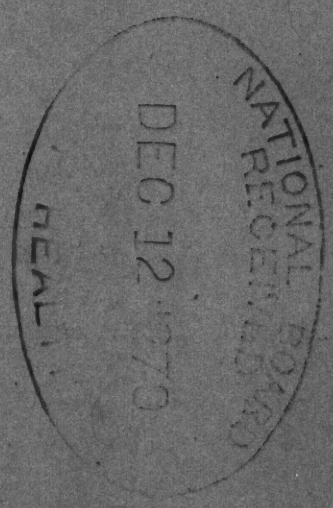

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~~WEEKLY~~ REPORT of Quarantine Inspections and Operations at the Port of Norfolk Va

for the ~~week~~ month ending May 31st, 1879.

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NO.	NAME OF VESSEL.	DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	NAME OF COMMANDER.	WHERE FROM.	DAYS OF PASSAGE.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NO. OF CREW.	NO. OF PASSENGERS.	CARGO.	BILL OF HEALTH.	SANITARY CONDITION OF VESSEL.	DISPOSITION OF VESSEL AND REMARKS.
1	Cultivator	Ship	Russell	Liverpool	57	May 3d	26		Salt	Clean	Good	pratique free
2	Gracia	Steamship	Larranaga	Matanzas	4	" 4th	35		Sugar	"	fair	allowed to coal ships, one mile below city
3	Elvira	"	Jayar	"	4	" 4th	34		"	"	"	" " " " "
4	Ganges	"	Baker	New Orleans	15	" 4th	26	7	Cotton & Grain	"	"	pratique allowed for repairs
5	Nymphe	Steam Corvette	Sattig	Havana	10	" 7th	200		Stores	"	Good	pratique allowed (German practice ships)
6	St Lawrence	Bark	Davis	Demerara	24	" 27th	16		Ballast	"	"	" "
7	Emiliano	Steamship	Urrutia	Havana	4	" 12th	35		Sugar	"	fair	allowed to coal ship one mile below City
8	Frey	Bark	Amundsen	Lillesand	56	" 14th	10		Ballast	"	Good	pratique allowed
9	B & J Baker	Steamer	Nelson	St Marys	4	" 17th	14		Wrecking Mater[l]	"	"	" "
10	Pedro	Steamship	De Garro	Cardenas	4	" 19th	32		Sugar	"	fair	allowed to coal ship one mile below city
11	Serra	"	Erezuma	Matanzas	3	" 20th	43	1	"	"	"	" " " "
12	Juana	"	Gastanaya	Sagua	4	" 27th	82	2	"	"	"	" " " "
13	Carolina	"	Riesbra	Matanzas	4	" 28th	43	6	"	"	"	" " " "
14	Ariel	"	Jenery	Sagua	4	" 29th	26		"	"	"	" " " "

REMAINING IN QUARANTINE AT DATE OF LAST REPORT.

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				(Steamships (mostly Spanish) from ports known or suspected to be infected, arriving at our quarantine Station without sickness on board, are allowed to take their coal on board, about one mile below the city, the coal being kept afloat for the purpose. Most of the Steamships in the West India trade stop here for coal on their homeward voyage. Of course the usual restrictions as to washing, dunnage &c are imposed, but the Ship's officers are invariably allowed to go on shore to transact their business. The usual time occupied in coaling a ship is from twenty four to thirty six hours.)

I certify that the above is correct.

Herbert M Nash

Quarantine Officer .....

No. 4157 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salem, Va.

Dec. 24, 1879.

Horner, Dr. Frederick.

Transmits report on the diseases of Fauquier Co., Virginia.

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REFERRED TO BULLETIN.
DATE Dec 26.

NOTED IN BULLETIN,
DATE Jan. 15.

Abstract

Report to the National Board of Health
On the Diseases of Fauquier County Virginia;
for 1878 and 1879,

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

By Frederick Horner Jr,
M.D.

The district of Country embraced in this brief report is styled "Piedmont" adjacent to the Blue Ridge Mountain and beyond Tide water. The Country abounds in Springs of soft water; others Chalybeate and alkaline with a salubrious climate and is distinguished for the health and vigor of its people. During the autumn and winter of 1878, and Spring of 1879, Erysipelas, Diptheria Sporadic Typhoid Fever Puerperal Fever and Influenza prevailed. The weather during the winter months was colder and wetter than usual, the thermometer for several days in January was below zero. The extreme continued from December until March. One fatal case of Diptheria in a child could be clearly traced from a neighbours house. In 1869 this disease presented three fatal cases.

(1) Puerperal Fever, was complicated in several instances with Septicaemia and peri-uterine cellulitis and assumed the worst form during the prevalence of Erysipelas and Diptheria, cases occured in the rural districts and villages and also in the Cities according to the statements of the news

papers, particularly in Norfolk.
The writer has not met with the
disease in her practise since the year
1859, when it proved fatal wherever
peritonitis and Ovarian occured.
The Treatment during the late years of
1878-79 was with opiates and Sulph:
Quiniae: Salycinate Sodae and Bicarb-
onate Potassae, when the inflammation
and abscess became fully developed and
Signs of Uremic poisoning existed re-
quiring the prompt use of the Catheter.
2nd Vagidal and rectal enemata
of Carbolic Acid and Tilden's Bromo-
Chloralum, and the formula recom-
mended by Dr. Basey of Washington City:
R/ Mc. Munn's Elixir Opii Gtt. xl
Beef Extract ℥i.
Sulph Quiniae gr xl
Ipecac: Liqui Fluid: ℥iv.
Champagne ice: fruits and milk are indes-
pensable articles of diet. One patient during
Convalescence was notably benefited when
suffering with Neuroasthenia, Indigestion
albuminous urine, succeeded by copious
lithate deposites by the use of Wyeth's
Peptonic pills: Powders of Lactopepsine
and Buffola Lithia with Lime Spring No 2
and finally by the change to Toronto Can-
ada where She was submitted to the
Electro-Galvanic Treatment, Baths &c
resulting in the restoration of her health.

(2) Typhoid Fever,

This fever never fails
to occur in this locality every year

usually in the autumn & winter and rarely in Summer, Two cases which occured, one in the autumn of 1878 the other during the Same Season of 1879, happened in the persons of two robust young men, mechanics, living under the most favorable conditions and outwardly in perfect health. In three weeks the disease progresed to a fatal issue, the treatment in no way controlling the Symptoms. Three other cases happened in the Spring of 1879, All farmers advanced in years and married with one exception. In the first of these three cases, the patient a healthy and Strong man contracted a cold while cutting ice - which developed into pneumonia and fever, Delerium and death followed after two weeks illness. He was tended on by a farmer who resided with him in the Same house. He sickened and died on the ninth day. A third farmer, the latter's friend who nursed and performed the burial rites for him became ill and died within ten days of symptoms of gangrene of the lungs. This fatal disease occured during the month of march 1879.

It may be stated, that popular sentiment here is universal, that Typhoid Fever is an infectious disease and to such an extent does this opinion prevail that whenever a case is known to exist in a family, the neighbours withdraw from all social intercourse and visiting at the infected house.

The health of our community was never better than during the late Summer. The weather was marked by extremes of heat and abundant rains, but no excess of vegitation. In September children were affected with Rubeola, and mild form of Scarlatina. As usual only one or two members of the same family suffered. Fever, the peculiar foetor, sore throat, Eruption and peeling of the cuticle with a few examples of delerium and convulsions were characteristick symptoms. Convalescence was slow from the debility caused by the Effects of the tonic agent and the inability of the patient to Swallow. During the late Civil war in 1863 Scarlatina of a Maligniant form prevailed here and according to the recollection of the writer this fever was epidemic and very fatal in 1849.

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Respectfully Submitted by

Frederick Horner Jr

Salem Fauquier

Fauquier County

Va.

Dec: 24: 1879.

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No. 156 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va

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Fauntleroy T.T. Jr. Secy State Reports that there are no Health Laws in force & cannot therefore send copies as requested.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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Commonwealth of Virginia,

Office Secretary of the Commonwealth,

Richmond, Va., Jany 10th 1880.

J. S. Turner Esq.
Secy N. B. of Health.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There is no system, or body, of "Health Laws," as such, in force in this State; and no data, or Records, in this Office which would enable it to furnish the Copies requested. Regretting the deficiency, I am respectfully.

J. J. Fauntleroy Jr.
Secy of Comm: 2d.

No. 200 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Eastern Lunatic Asylum

Williamsburgh Va

Jan 10, 1880.

Black H. Supt

Will send reports, & will be glad to receive any pubns of Bd which may be issued by it.

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and & P. H.

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H. BLACK, M. D.
Superintendent.

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OFFICE

Eastern Lunatic Asylum,
Williamsburg, Va.

January 10, 1880

Secretary Nat. Board of Health.
Washington D.C.

Yours rec'd - I will be pleased to forward Weekly Reports as requested, and send one for week ending this date -

I will be much pleased to receive such publications from your office as you may see proper to forward,

Very truly yrs.
H Black.
Supt

No. 297 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Winchester, Va

Jan 17, 1880

Love Wm S.

No burial permit requir.d
No health board

Will do the best
to send reports asked

asks for copy of rules
& regs. governing health
board of Washington.

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Dr. William S. Love.

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Winchester, Virginia, Janry. 17th 1880.

W. F. Turner M.D.
Secty. Nat. Board of Health
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your Circular of the 15th inst. was handed to me by Post Master S. R. Atwell, of this City.

I would cheerfully make the desired weekly reports of deaths, were it possible for me to collect the necessary data. No burial Certificates are required here; nor have we, properly speaking, a health board. However, I will at once endeavor to have the ordinances passed and the board Constituted. In the mean time, will do the best I can in the way of making weekly reports if you will forward the Rosters.

Can you send me a Copy of the rules & regulations governing the health board of Washington?

Very respectfully;
W. S. Love

No. 305 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

39 Union Square

Peterebugh Va

Jan 17, 1880.

Robinson C. V.
Pres B. H.

Do not make weekly but monthly reports — will furnish the latter with pleasure

Burial permits are requir^d. Will try to secure copies of health laws & forward.

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VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JAN 19 1880

Health Office, City of Petersburg,

39 UNION STREET,

Petersburg, Va., Jan: 17th 1880

T. J. Turner, Sec. Va. St. Bd of Health.

Sir,

Your circular duly received, and in reply to which would say that we do not make out weekly, but monthly reports and if they would do as well, will furnish you one very month, and do so with pleasure. My duties as Pres. Bd of Health are such as to not hardly permit me to make weekly reports. As the local Government require burial permits. You ask me for the laws governing the Board of Health, I will apply to the Auditor at my first convenience for a copy of the Ordinances of our City in which will be found the laws governing the Board. If I can secure one will forward it to you — will advise you when I send it. I will be glad to assist you,

Yours very respectfully.

C. V. Robinson Pres. B. H.

No. 306 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alexandria Va

Jan 19, 1880

McKenzie Lewis P.M.

States he has handed circular asking for reports to J.H.D. Smoot Esqr Pres't B of H

Refers N.B.H. to Messrs Benj. Wheatly & Wm Demaine & Son who owned doubtless make the weekly reports asked for.

J.
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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. RECEIVED JAN 19 1880

ALEXANDRIA POST OFFICE,

Alexandria, Virginia,

LEWIS McKENZIE, Postmaster

NAT'L BOARD OF HEALTH RECEIVED JAN 19 1880 SECRETARY'S OFFICE

NATIONAL BOARD RECEIVED JAN 19 1880

January 19 1880

F. J. Turner Esq

Sec'y National Board of Health

I have handed your circular to J. H. D. Smoot Esq the Presidt of Board of Healths. I doubt however if the Informations can be furnished weekly by Mr Smoot The two undertakers Messrs Benj W Beatty & Wm Domaine & Son. attend to all such burials here. and I think would object to weekly, by furnishing them the Cards required. It will be better of course to drop them

a few lines I'm and ask them if they will do so. It would give them very little trouble. Yr obt servt

Lewis McKenzie
"
P. M

No. 310 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Danville, Va.

Jan 19, 1880.

Robinson Wm. L.
P.O. Box 115 H.O.

Will send monthly reports which is the best he can do.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Mr. T. J. Turner.

Dear Sir.

Yr. of the 15th
handed me yesterday. In
reply I would state that
I must cheerfully agree
to furnish you with most
I regret to say to the
fact that our City Coun-
cil only meet monthly
the draft certificates are
not handed in until just
before each meeting as pre-
scribed by the City Ordinance
a copy of which I will send
you in a few days. I will
gladly aid my part in
the advancement of the

cause if monthly reports
will endeavor the purpose.

Very Respt Yrs
Wm L. Robinson
Health Officer -
P.O Box 115
Danville Va

Addressed
Danville Va
Jany 19th 1880

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No. 319 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

E. L. Anglum

Williamsburgh Va

Jan 17, 1890.

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E. L. Asylum 319
Williamsburg Va
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NATIONAL BOARD
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OF HEALTH.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 14th inst rec'd - please accept thanks for Publications of National Board of Health which were received on yesterday

Very truly Yours
H Beverly
Supt

No. 1465 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Health Office

Petersburgh Va

Jany 26, 1880.

Robinson C. N.
Pres. B.H.

Forwards ordinances of city & refers to page 66

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V.H.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.
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Health Office, City of Petersburg,

39 UNION STREET.

NATIONAL BOARD
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OF HEALTH.

Petersburg, Va., Jan 26th 1880

Dr. T. J. Turner Sec. Nat'l Bd of Health.

Dear Sir.

I have this day forwarded to your address, the Ordinances of the City of Petersburg, in which you will find the laws governing the Board of Health, for which find is on page 66.

Yours very respectfully,
C. V. Robinson
Phys. P. H.

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No. 471 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alexandria, Va

June 26, 1880.

Stabler E.A.

Sends first report in answer to Circular

No bureau permits req^d ask that cards be sent. will send city health ordinances as soon as can get copies

L B 4 fa 808.

(ack & send cards) NBoH

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Dr T. J. Turner
Dear Sir

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
JAN 27 1880
HEADQUARTERS

In answer to your circular I send enclosed the postal card filled up for last week. No burial permits are required here. I obtained the information from the physicians and undertakers. I have requested the undertakers to keep list of all funerals they attend and will get the death causes from the physicians. The card sent this

week is, I think, perfectly correct. If you send me the cards I will mail them to you every week. There are no Zymotic diseases (with the exceptions of some mild cases of Malarial Fever and Mumps) in Alexandria at present. I will send the copies of the city ordinances &c. as soon as I can obtain them. I think I can get the books to morrow.

Very respectfully

E. A. Stabler.

No. 733. "State Rights"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

~~U.S. Naval Hospital~~
Norfolk, Virginia
Feby 11, 1880.

Lyhon, Dr. A.S.

Has seen the commandant about the quarantine hulk and is authorized by him to say that the old frigate "Savannah" will probably answer the purpose. Has not been able to attend to the other requests yet but will in the course of a week or two

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BOARD OF HEALTH.
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U.S. Naval Hospital —
Norfolk, Va
11 February 1882

Dear Doctor —

I have seen the Commandant about the Quarantine hulk, referred to in your letter of 7th inst. I am authorized by him to say that the old frigate "Savannah" will, probably, answer the purpose. She will be towed, & moored, and housing, docking, etc —

I am sorry to say that I have not yet

been able to attend to the other requests in your letter — but will glance over it the course of a week or two —

I take Turner with me enjoying himself — with the "Madre gras" [sic] with whom your Clerk linked him — though for my part I should prefer one not a mother, even though not quite so fat —

In great haste

Yrs —

A. L.

No. 819 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

~~U.S. Naval Hospital~~
Norfolk, Virginia
Feby 19, 1880.

Gihon, Dr. A.L.

Calls attention to error in No. 33 of the Bulletin p. 255. States full set of the Bulletin as stated in communication of the 5th inst. has never been received. No copy of No. 28 has ever been received.

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U.S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk Va.,
19 February 1880

Dr. J. J. Woodward
Sec'y. Nat. Board Health

My dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to an item in No. 33 of the Bulletin, p. 255, representing the number of patients in this Hospital at last report as only 47 —

In signing I said that "the publication of the Bulletin" stated in your letter of the instant, "whose been forwarded from your office to this hospital, has never been received at either the Norfolk or Portsmouth Post Office. No copy of No. 28 has ever been received —

Very respectfully
P. L. Gihon
Medical Director U.S.N.
In charge of Hospital

No. 828 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Webster Military Institute

Norfolk, Va.,

Feby 20, 1880

Webster, Prof W. B.

Rel. to immunity of cattle ships and butchers from yellow fever

asks questions regarding the causes of the spread of y.f.

Suggests propriety of collecting opinions as to whether cattle ships are protected from y.f. and the causes therefor

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45 & 47 Charlotte St., Norfolk, Va., Feb 20th 1879

Dr. T. J. Turner

Dear Sir.

Having read with much interest Dr. Smart's Notes in the Bulletin of the National Board of Health p. 256, on the Immunity of cattle-ships from Yellow Fever, I am reminded of having read, many years ago, that the butchers had Yellow Fever during one or more years of its prevalence in Philadelphia. I have not access at present to the writings of Dr. Rush on Yellow fever in Philadelphia but I am confident that the circumstance was stated by that wonderful man, and close observer - Should such prove to be the case, it may be a matter of importance to put "this and that" together, for ~~take~~

Possibly, the animals called "bovine" may prove as serviceable in mitigating or preventing the fearful scourge of Yellow Fever, as they have in the once more prevalent and dreaded Small-pox.

It will certainly be worth while to collect facts relative to the alleged preventive influence of cattle.

Does alkalinity of the atmosphere, from Ammonia or some allied volatile alkali, cause or favor the spread of Yellow Fever, as intimated in the Report of the Havana Commission? (See Supplement to Bulletin Nat. Bd. Health. p. 19); and does Ammonia from excretions of cattle suggest a "possible disinfectant or germicide in the case of yellow fever"? By all means let observed facts be collected.

The above is written to suggest the importance of supplementing Dr. ~~Barnes'~~ Smart's

"Notes" on the subject, by soliciting the opinions and results of observation of those who have had full opportunities to reply authoritatively to your published query "Is it a fact that cattle & hogs never become infected?" and also, have butchers and others whose occupations require much of their time amidst the "ambrosial breath" of kine, or the exhalations of their excretions, or the decomposing offal of slaughter houses, any special immunity from Yellow fever? Facts only can answer.

I am Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
N. B. Webster.

P.S. During August 1855, when yellow fever was epidemic in Portsmouth Va, I made repeated test of the atmosphere for ozone, but could find no trace of it.

N B W.

No. 835 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Lynchburg, Va.
Feby 21 1880.

Walker, Thos. L.
Presid't Bd of Health

States no postal cards have been received. Would have been pleased to make reports had he received the cards.

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Office Bd Health
Lynchburg Va
July. 21 1880

J. J. Timmons Esq.
Sec. Bd Health

Dear Sir

Yours of Yesterday received This Morning requesting me to return a "Supply of Postal Cards" which had been mailed to me about the 6th Inst. Such a package has never been received at This Office. It would have given me pleasure to have complied with your request had I got The Postals.

Our Council makes no provision for the Expenses incurred by Exchanging with Boards of other Cities & hence have sent out no reports. In case Mr Park should you think proper to favor This Office with the Cards I will see

that Monthly Monterey reports are sent to you. He only reports once a month.

Very Respectfully
Thos L Walker
Pres Bd Health

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No. 893 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Port Royal Va.
Feby 26, 1880.

Bowie, A. B.

States circular has been handed him by the P. M. of Port Royal; that there is no custom house officer there but if there is need of one I would like to get the appointment. Can refer you to the P. M. here and also at Port Conway and to others if necessary, as to fitness for the position.

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to you. We only report once a month.

Very Respectfully
Thos L Walker
Pres Bd Health

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To Hon Port Royal Va Feby 26/81

Your Circular has been handed me by the P.M. at this place. There is no Custom House Office here & has not been for years, but if there is need of one I would like to get the appointment. Can refer you to the P.M. here & also at Port Conway & to others if necessary, as to my fitness for the position please let me hear from you. Very Respt A.B. Bowie

No. 8914 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va.
Feby 26, 1880.

Webster, H. B.

Calls attention to error in Bulletin of Jan. 4 p. 263. Sends report for month corrected.

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NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE March 2.

Norfolk Va Feb 26 - 1880

Dear Sir - Permit me to call attention to a discrepancy in Monthly Mortality Report for Jany - 1880 - p 263 Bulletin - for Norfolk Va -
Total Number of deaths given for month 28.
In Weekly reports of Bulletin for week ending
Jan 10th deaths are given as 14.
" 17th " " 7
" 24th " " 13
" 31 " " 7
41 For 4 weeks
The proportion for week ending Jan 3d not included.
If I understand the totals, there is an error somewhere - I think there were 28 deaths of Whites.
Very Respectfully N. B. Webster -

No. 959 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va.
March 3, 1880.

Phillips, Capt. Chas. B.

In regard to the Hampton Roads quarantine. As to the use of Palmetto for piling

LB 5 p 271.

Inclosure sent to Dr. Cabell Mch 4/80
To File 3/10/80.

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U. S. Engineer Office,

(59 MAIN STREET,)

Norfolk, Va. March 3d 1880

Dr. J. L. Cabell
Pres't. Nat. Bd. of Health
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. I am glad to learn that there is a prospect of an early commencement of your hospital in Stampton Roads.

In regard to the use of palmetto as piling, I am not positive, but I think it is never used for that purpose. I dont think that they could be driven in ordinary bottom. In the construction of wharves of palmetto, my impression is that the logs are built up in the shape of crib work.

However, I have written to Capt. J. C. Post U.S. Engrs who is at Charleston where much palmetto is used, and he (Capt Post) will no dontt inform me in regard to the matter. I shall have plenty of time to ascertain about it, and let you know the result of my inquiries before you commit yourself to the use of any particular

kind of filing.

Pray command my services whenever you think they may be useful to you.

Mr Elliott joins with me in sending to you best regards, and best wishes for the success of your efforts to promote health.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas P Phillips
Capt & Engineers U.S.A

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No. 1005 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va.

Mch 5, 1880

Jackson Dr S.K.

140 Freemasons St

Rel to the cause of
y.f. and its probable
connection with the
presence of ammoniacal

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DR. S. K. JACKSON 1005 C.
140 FREEMASON ST.
Norfolk, Va.

Dr. Jos. L. Cabell
Pres. Nat. Bd. of Health.

Mar. 1st 1880

My dear Dr. In the preliminary report of the Havana Yellow fever Commission submitted on Nov. 11. 1879 several points struck me as likely to have important bearing in the investigation of the cause of Yellow fever, & their further report will be looked for with the greatest interest.

The one to which I wish to call attention, just now, is the ascertained existence in the air of an abnormal amount of Ammonia, & with great diffidence I make a suggestion as to its probable connection with the cause of Yellow fever.

After reading the report on "Ammonia in

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Hygiene &c Presented
By me to the Va. Med. Soc'y
at its last meeting in October 1879 (Page 86.) one
would readily perceive that I would regard
this alkalinity as the result of a proces and-
ogous to, if not identical with, putrefaction,
caused by an Animal Organism; one of the pro-
ducts of which proces is Ammonia.
Ammoniacal gas is known to be exhaled
by persons suffering with certain zymotic dis-
eases, & it would be interesting & important
to ascertain whether this is the case with
yellow-fever patients. It probably is, as the
air of the hospital wards seems to be saturated
with it.
This taken in connection with the discovery
of minute acicular crystals formed upon glass
as exposed in such localities, corroborates

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& confirms the views on Nitrification Contended for by me in the paper Alluded to; for I have no doubt that these crystals will be found to be Nitrate of Ammonia, formed as are the corresponding salts of Potash, Soda, or Lime in the presence of decomposing animal matters, when one or other of these bases is present. So far then from this alkalinity being the cause of yellow fever, it is a consequence, and, on the principle asserted by me, "that no organism could live in its own excreta", this excrementitious product would, if the air were sufficiently saturated with it, arrest the disease, by destroying the organism causing it. There is great probability that this is the case, for this would be the most plausible explanation of the immunity from yellow fever said to be afforded by Crowds of cattle, as upon cattle ships. In the same way may

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may be explained the protection of gas-works against yellow fever. In this city, during the epidemic of 1855, numbers of persons sleft for safety in the gas-house, & it is said, that no one who did so was known to have had the disease.

It is acknowledged that other products from the distillation of coal may have contributed to this protection, but that the Ammonia was an important factor, there can be little doubt.

I know of no more important phase of this interesting subject, or one which is more deserving of the attention of the distinguished gentlemen conducting the investigation.

Yours very truly
S. K. Jackson

No. 1029 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va
atty Gen's Office
Mch 6, 1880.

Field Jas G.
atty Gen. of Va

Rel. to a bill suggested by D J L Cabell which he states has passed the Com^ee and is pending in the House of Delegates.

Ex. Com^ee

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Commonwealth of Virginia.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Richmond, Va. March 6th 1880

Dr. Jas. L. Cabell,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of a week ago was duly rec'd, and the Bill, desired, I drew according to the directions therein, and presented immediately. It past the Committee and is now pending in the House of Delegates upon their report:

I have just seen Dr. Coghill, who says he will bring it up and press it today; have also talked with many of the members upon it. I delayed writing until I shld be able to report the action of the Legislature which I expected would

Commonwealth of Virginia.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Richmond, Va. _____ 188__

have been taken several days ago.

Very Truly

Jas. L. Field

Atty Genl of Va.

No. 1370 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va.
April, 1880.

Nash, Dr. H. M.
Quarantine Officer
Forwards table of mortality of city of Norfolk for 1878-1879, with meteorological data &c. with newspaper slips in regard thereto.

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NOTED IN BULLETIN.
DATE April 16

REFERRED TO BULLETIN.
DATE April 6

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VOL. XXIX--NUMBER 111. NORFOLK, VA., SATURDAY,

THE COMMISSION.

ITS PROCEEDINGS LAST EVENING.

What the Medical Society Thinks of the Increase of Death Rate—Supplementary Report of the Committee on Drainage—The Extension of the City Limits Proposed.

Another meeting of the special commission on the imorovement and development of the city of Norfolk was held last night at 7:30 o'clock. Present—Capt. Jas. E. Barry, president; Rev. M. O'Keefe and Messrs. James H. Calrow, B.P.Loyall, D. C. Lassiter, Ethan Allen and S. A. Stevens.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The meeting having been called for the purpose of hearing certain reports, the chair announced that they were in order, whereupon Capt. B. P. Loyall arose and read the following letter and annexed report from the Norfolk Medical Society, which report was submitted by the society in compliance with a request from the commission :

NORFOLK, VA., March 24th, 1880.

B. P. Loyall, Esq :

DEAR SIR—Your communication, from the commission of the councils, addressed to me as President of the Norfolk Medical Society, was referred to a special committee of the society on the 4th of March to analyse the mortuary and meteorological records of the city and report their conclusions to the society. The accompanying report was made to the society at its last meeting on the 23d inst., and was adopted without dissent, as embodying the opinion of the society as to the matters in question. The report is now submitted to the commission.

Very respectfully,
W. H. SHEPHERD,
President Norfolk Medical Society.

The report referred to was then read as follows:

REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Norfolk Medical Society :

Your committee, to which was referred the inquiries of the commission of the city councils as to the probable causes of the increased mortality of the past year, and as to any measures most likely to avert a repetition of the same, beg leave to submit the following remarks:

The returns had exhibited a steady annual decrease of deaths and a general improvement in the healthfulness of Norfolk for a series of six years prior to 1879.—The number of deaths during the year 1878 was only 504, of which 209 were whites and 295 were colored. The death rate for the year was exceedingly low showing it to have been a year of unusual health.

But in 1879 the deaths amounted to 754, of which 327 were whites and 429 were colored. The deaths of children under five years of age were 225 in 1878, while in 1879 they were 333 in number. The deaths during June, July and August, 1878, were only 110, while those for the corresponding months of 1879 were 253, more than double the number for the same period in 1878. Fifty-eight of the 754 deaths in 1879 were of persons over 70 years of age. We ought to state, however, that we have habitually underestimated our population, while our mortuary returns are absolutely accurate. Hence it unjustly appeared that this was perhaps the most unhealthy city of the seaboard. On the other hand some cities are believed to overestimate their population and the exactness of their death returns may be questionable.

The United States census of 1870 sets down our population as follows : Whites 10,462, colored 8,767. Total, 19,229.

Allowing an annual increase of 4 per cent. for the white population for the nine years to 1879, it should have reached 15,000 of which number 325 died, being at the rate of 21.6 per one thousand, which cannot be considered at all excessive, though in a year of extraordinary sickness.

At the rate of three per cent. annual increase the white population would have been 13,500, and the rate only 24 per one thousand, a rate on this low estimate of increase not high enough to excite alarm. Allowing the 3 per cent. increase annually for the colored population (that is doubtless

season of drought of contaminated refuse water which so constantly flows in our badly graded and illy paved gutters, tended not a little to aid other atmospheric and telluric influences in the way of causation, while the desiccation and evaporation of much fouler matter added its burthen to a heavily charged air.

The most thorough investigation failed to establish any causal relation between the use of our city water and the increase of the death rate. The committee of experts appointed to examine into this matter, while admitting the necessity for an attempt to improve the quality of the water, could find no evidence of its having produced serious if any indisposition, in which decision we concur.

During 1879, as indeed is the case yearly, the mortality was heaviest in the 4th ward, somewhat less in the 1st, less still in the 3d, and least in the 2d ward. It is well known that our colored population mostly reside in the 4th ward, and in certain more or less contiguous portions of the 1st and 3d wards, and a glance at the records shows it to be the leading element in the mortality returns. This is not surprising when we consider the quality of their dwellings, their crowded condition, the nature of their surroundings, the insufficiency of their clothing, and perhaps food, of themselves and children and the totally inadequate care bestowed upon the latter. There are many exceptions perhaps to this statement but such is the rule.

But let the statistics speak. The number of persons dying without proper medical attendance in 1879, and for whom the health officer was obliged by law to issue certificates for burial was 194, of which number 186 were colored and but 8 were whites. Of these 117 were colored children under five years of age and 4 were whites under five years.

It must also be noted that in many other cases in which death occurred the physician who signed the certificates had only been in attendance for a brief period before death, making it supposable that the most important service expected of them was to sign a certificate of death. The records show that two-fifths, and it is altogether probable that quite one-half of the colored deaths occurred without medical aid.

Thus of 333 children under the age of five years dying in 1879, 233 were colored children.

Colored servants habitually refuse comfortable quarters upon the premises of their employers, preferring to trudge nightly to their own homes through all kinds of weather to sleep in the close crowded rooms, which necessity compels them to occupy, thus adding another exciting cause to the race predisposition phthisis.

The suggestions that follow have no reference to any grand or costly schemes of sewerage &c., leaving such recommendations to the engineers, and the future wealth and greatness of the city, but are entirely within the limited means of our city government.

Without any system of sewerage and with very imperfect drainage, our city as the records for some years will show has been an exceedingly healthful one.

Without reference to the records we know from personal observation that many of both races suffer from want of proper treatment during sickness, and that the difficulty of procuring medicines even when the physician is at hand, is very great to the majority of the indigent. The distance to the place where medicines are dispensed by city charity, renders in many cases this charity nugatory. This state of things can be remedied by an appropriation of a moderate amount and if done advisedly would undoubtedly reduce the death rate by affording timely assistance at the onset of disease.

The surface drainage of the city ought to be improved and particularly in that quarter chiefly occupied by colored people; the premises of all and particularly that class should be subjected to frequent inspection and most scrupulous cleanliness insisted upon, and the danger of over-crowding urged not only upon the occupants but upon the proprietors of tenement houses.

Not only the grades of the street gutters should be improved as soon as practicable, but they should be rendered impervious by asphaltum compound that the refuse fluids, which can find no other way of escape, may not further contaminate the ground.

The total abolition of sinks, which has so often been urged by the health authorities and the adoption of some form

mitted your committee endeavored to impress with all earnestness the absolute necessity on hygienic grounds, of immediately opening a canal between Newton and Smith's creeks, thereby belting our city with a fresh volume of salt water, twice daily, whilst at each ebb all the impurities of our gutters will be carried off in the rear of our city chiefly through Smith's creek without a dollar's cost to us except the actual outlay in connecting the creeks.

This conviction of your committee cannot be better sustained than in the language of the admirable report of the Medical Society of Norfolk read before your body this evening, viz.: "The remaining natural drainage of the city should by all means be preserved unobstructed."

The main "natural drainage" of the city are the Elizabeth and the aforesaid creeks, into which all other drains natural or artificial empty themselves. As the river, without any cost to us, transports all the deposits that empty into her, covering an area of nearly one-third of our limits, what, we ask, can be more desirable in carrying out the above suggestion of our medical faculty, so emphatically expressed, than to place the remaining two-thirds area drainage in a position similar to that occupied by the river water front?

Were we to carry out the above suggestion by merely dredging out both creeks to their source, we would only be commencing a work which would entail every year or two an immense cost, whilst the inconvenience of unsavory odors arising from the operation of cleaning out would be as intolerable as interminable. Witness the Granby street marsh.

The only practical way, therefore. to give effect to the advice of our Medical Board is to incur the expense once for all, of opening the projected canal, which, when once opened, terminates forever all expenses connected with the main drainage of our city. Whilst your committee feel flattered by your approbation of the result of our labors as embodied in our report, yet we could not disguise from ourselves a feeling of indefiniteness regarding the cost of a work which, although the undisguised blessing of healthfulness, yet might possibly be placed beyond our reach on account of its enormous expense.

Our estimates, when making our report, were not of course based upon actual measurement, yet we felt we could not be far wrong in our calculations. We now beg leave to submit to your bodies the actual measurement of the ground between the two creeks, together with exact quantity of displacement to be made, and the average cost of the whole work of the projected canal together with the important information furnished us by Major Ames, a West Point civil engineer, who has surveyed every foot of the contemplated work, and with the following result as contained in his report, which is as follows :

NORFOLK, VA., March 16th, 1880.

DEAR SIR—In accordance with your instructions I have measured the amount of earth to be removed in the construction of a canal forty feet in width, connecting the waters of Newton's and Smith's creeks, and find the same to be 30,980 cubic yards. The total length of the cut by the proposed route is 1,850 lineal feet, the average depth about 8 feet, the deepest cut 13.5 feet, is through the high land east of Princess Anne Road.

The amount of sand to be removed is about 5,500 cubic yards and the amount of shells required to rip rap the sides to a depth of six inches is about 14,000 flushels.

I hereby certify that in my opinion there can be no possible danger to the health of the city carrying on the above work at any season of the year.

Very respectfully,
T. EDWARD AMES, Engineer.

To Rev. M. O'Keefe, chairman of Committee on Drainage, Norfolk, Va.

Major Ames has furnished us also with two diagrams: the first showing the exact quantity of displacement of every 100 feet to the depth of low water mark; whilst the second indicates the proportion of shelling or slope of sides of a canal 40 feet wide at bottom at the depth of low water, averaging at the surface of the land from 44 feet to nearly 60 feet, according to elevation.

In submitting Major Ames' report we would respectfully call your attention to the following facts, viz.: 1st. We have calculated for the displacement of far more material than we had estimated

diate approach of warm weather respectfully suggest to the Board of Health the absolute necessity of at once opening a ditch of, say 10 feet from Church street to low water mark, as far as the almshouse wall, a distance of 330 yards, and invite the co-operation of the supervisors of Norfolk county, as they are equally interested in the work—an operation that will at once liberate the vast quantity of water at present clogging an immense area of city territory, and thereby enable the tides to leave once more the head of Smith's creek, namely as far as Church street. The diagram furnished by Major Ames will give a correct idea of the depth required to be dug.

Before concluding our report, we would anticipate any objection likely to be made against the policy of opening the canal at an unhealthy season of the year. Major Ames' report gives the assurance of perfect safety as regards the canal proper.

The only apprehensive feature of the subject is to be found in Newton's creek at the southern limit of the projected canal. Your committee feel assured that after the canal has been cut, and the water of Smith's creek admitted through it, the current will immediately remove all obstructions to its progress while the disintegrated yielding to the current beneath the surface of the water cannot fail to be so intensely and minutely impregnated with the salt water that should any portion thereof become exposed by the ebbing of the tide it is rendered entirely innoxious, and all danger of malaria effectually obviated at no cost to us whilst our city ever after rejoices throughout her entire circumference in the possession of a system of natural drainage, above and beneath her surface, which, whilst invaluable to the health of our citizens, is to her absolutely costless. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. O'KEEFE,
S. A. STEVENS,
ETHAN ALLEN.

After the reading of the above Mr. Jas. H. Calrow moved that the report be received and adopted, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Stevens then addressed the commission in behalf of the extension of the corporate limits of the city of Norfolk. He thought that Berkley, Atlantic City, Brambleton and other suburbs, the legitimate outgrowth of the city, should be included in the city limits. No doubt, he said, the residents and property owners of these places would be glad to come into the boundaries of Norfolk, to take the city water, gas and other conveniences and in other words live in the city rather than in the villages. He thought that the step would be one of the greatest advantage should the city grow as she is expected to, and was of opinion that a committee should be appointed to consider the matter. He made a motion to this effect, pending which Mr. James H. Calrow spoke earnestly in behalf of the proposed extension of the boundaries of Norfolk.

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showing it to have been a year of unusual health.

But in 1879 the deaths amounted to 754, of which 327 were whites and 429 were colored. The deaths of children under five years of age were 225 in 1878, while in 1879 they were 333 in number. The deaths during June, July and August, 1878, were only 110, while those for the corresponding months of 1879 were 253, more than double the number for the same period in 1878. Fifty-eight of the 754 deaths in 1879 were of persons over 70 years of age. We ought to state, however, that we have habitually underestimated our population, while our mortuary returns are absolutely accurate. Hence it unjustly appeared that this was perhaps the most unhealthy city of the seaboard. On the other hand some cities are believed to overestimate their population and the exactness of their death returns may be questionable.

The United States census of 1870 sets down our population as follows: Whites 10,462, colored 8,767. Total, 19,229.

Allowing an annual increase of 4 per cent. for the white population for the nine years to 1879, it should have reached 15,000 of which number 325 died, being at the rate of 21.6 per one thousand, which cannot be considered at all excessive, though in a year of extraordinary sickness.

At the rate of three per cent. annual increase the white population would have been 13,500, and the rate only 24 per one thousand, a rate on this low estimate of increase not high enough to excite alarm. Allowing the 3 per cent. increase annually for the colored population (their death rate being much lighter than the whites) it should have reached 11,300 in 1879, of which number 429 died, showing a rate of 37.9 per one thousand, a rate which, though very high, is altogether in keeping with what has been observed in other Southern cities, and in the District of Columbia.

If our calculations are correct, and they are certainly within bounds, the population of this city was 26,200 in 1879, and the deaths being 754, the rate for that year was 28.8 per one thousand, a rate still much too high to be looked upon with indifference.

Again we should not leave out of consideration quite a large floating population, which accumulates here between the months of September and May, both white and colored, and which adds its quota to our mortality returns at that season.

There were undoubtedly climatic, meteorological or unavoidable causes in 1879 militating against the vitality of our people, entirely beyond our control and which the most approved methods of sanitation merely modify.

The winter of 1878-79 was characterized by a much lower temperature than is usual in this latitude, the cold of January and February being excessive. It was followed by an extraordinary dry spring and summer, the drought extending from March to the middle of August, when there was a heavy rainfall followed by another drought throughout the succeeding fall and winter. The rainfall in 1879 was 16 inches less than that of the preceding year.

The range of the thermometer was also considerably greater than in 1878. The relation between the level of the ground water and the prevalence of certain diseases is still undetermined. But that there is such a causal relation many prominent sanitarians affirm. Certainly in our case an increase of many affections attended upon this condition, the subsidence of that level. But as to this matter it must be observed that our salt water surroundings materially modify the effects of a high level of the ground water.

The rapid evaporation during this city government.

Without any system of sewerage and with very imperfect drainage, our city as the records for some years will show has been an exceedingly healthful one.

Without reference to the records we know from personal observation that many of both races suffer from want of proper treatment during sickness, and that the difficulty of procuring medicines even when the physician is at hand, is very great to the majority of the indigent. The distance to the place where medicines are dispensed by city charity, renders in many cases this charity nugatory. This state of things can be remedied by an appropriation of a moderate amount and if done advisedly would undoubtedly reduce the death rate by affording timely assistance at the onset of disease.

The surface drainage of the city ought to be improved and particularly in that quarter chiefly occupied by colored people; the premises of all and particularly that class should be subjected to frequent inspection and most scrupulous cleanliness insisted upon, and the danger of over-crowding urged not only upon the occupants but upon the proprietors of tenement houses.

Not only the grades of the street gutters should be improved as soon as practicable, but they should be rendered impervious by asphaltum compound that the refuse fluids, which can find no other way of escape, may not further contaminate the ground.

The total abolition of sinks, which has so often been urged by the health authorities and the adoption of some form of pail system, by which all excreta may be transported beyond the city limits where they would not only be harmless, but where by proper manipulation they may be made to pay or partly pay for the transportation, is very desirable. The remaining natural drains of the city should by all means be preserved unobstructed. These simple measures with the means of sanitation which have been persevered in for some years by the Health Board, ought to secure all that perhaps is to be hoped for. But as before remarked there will at certain periods occur atmospheric or climatic influences, having a deleterious effect upon public health, which are beyond the control of and scarcely modified by the efforts of man.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT M. NASH, M. D.,
WILLIAM SELDEN, M. D.,
JAMES D. GALT, M. D. } Committee.

In presenting the above Captain Loyall said that it was gratifying to know that the ideas of the medical faculty sustained those of the commission, and that the latter body had not gone astray in its endeavors to ascertain the best methods of modifying the evil of an increasing death rate.

Mr. S. A. Stevens said that the report of the Medical Society was a very able and satisfactory one, and moved that it be received and referred to the Councils, and that the secretary be instructed to return the thanks of the commission to the president and members of the Medical Society for their very comprehensive and edifying report. The motion was unanimously carried.

Rev. M. O'Keete then read the following:

SUPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DRAINAGE.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Norfolk Improvement Commission:

Your Committee on Drainage having since the submission of their report come into possession of more definite information relative to the all-important questions entrusted to their consideration, presume you will not deem it out of place to receive at their hands a supplemental report. Your body can hardly fail to remember that in the report recently sub-

DEAR SIR—In accordance with your instructions I have measured the amount of earth to be removed in the construction of a canal forty feet in width, connecting the waters of Newton's and Smith's creeks, and find the same to be 30,980 cubic yards. The total length of the cut by the proposed route is 1,850 lineal feet, the average depth about 8 feet, the deepest cut 13.5 feet, is through the high land east of Princess Anne Road.

The amount of sand to be removed is about 5,500 cubic yards and the amount of shells required to rip rap the sides to a depth of six inches is about 14,000 flushels.

I hereby certify that in my opinion there can be no possible danger to the health of the city carrying on the above work at any season of the year.

Very respectfully,

T. EDWARD AMES, Engineer.

To Rev. M. O'Keefe, chairman of Committee on Drainage, Norfolk, Va.

Major Ames has furnished us also with two diagrams: the first showing the exact quantity of displacement of every 100 feet to the depth of low water mark; whilst the second indicates the proportion of shelling or slope of sides of a canal 40 feet wide at bottom at the depth of low water, averaging at the surface of the land from 44 feet to nearly 60 feet, according to elevation.

In submitting Major Ames' report we would respectfully call your attention to the following facts, viz.: 1st. We have calculated for the displacement of far more material than we had originally contemplated by superadding the cost of the side slopes, and yet the estimate is less than the original estimate of $5,000, allowing 16 cents per cubic yard, at which rate one of our most energetic and high spirited citizens expresses himself willing to complete the work, furnishing the most unquestionable security for the completion of the contract. 2d. We have calculated for a vein of pure sand of the minimum depth of two feet, whilst it may be from three to four feet, running the entire extent of the cut.

Major Ames' estimate at only 2 feet deep gives 5,500 cubic yards which will furnish 11,000 carts of sand at 40 cents per load. This will realize to the city the sum of $4,400 at least, whilst the quantity of sand irrespective of the immense quantity of clay so much needed to fill up lots, cannot fail on the whole to be a source of revenue rather than expense to our city.

Having furnished the above points of information to your body we would respectively call your attention to the deplorable condition of the head of Smith's creek, that is from the turn table at the north end of Church street to high water mark at the almshouse wall a distance of 330 yards as indicated by the diagram.

This space is at present an unsightly and decidedly unhealthy marsh of considerable width in some places—the receptacle of all unclean trash of North Church street; this marsh becomes a lake in wet seasons, a reservoir of all kinds of impure matter, until the latter is exhaled therefrom by the atmosphere. We regard this locality as a fruitful source of miasma to that section of our city. Whilst the visitor cannot fail to see that the valley having been allowed to fill up by the accumulation of deposits, the under drainage of all the land as far south as Bute street, is completely clogged, whilst it is visible to anyone that the efforts of nature to relieve itself of the superabundant volume of water never allowed to pass off are practically unavailing. The advice of the Medical Board "that the remaining natural drains of the city should by all means be preserved unobstructed" applies with special emphasis to this locality.

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After some discussion it was decided to meet again on Friday night next to consider this matter, after which the Commission adjourned.

Dismissed from Custody.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE VIRGINIAN.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 2.—The case of the two men charged with piracy in taking from an agent of a newspaper, The Liberal, an edition of that paper, which was being brought from Washington to this city and throwing it overboard, was before Judge Hughes of the United States District Court to-day upon habeas corpus. The Judge, after defining the crime of piracy, said this case did not come under the definition and decided that the imprisonment was an error arising from a misconstruction of the sections of the revised statutes of the United States, bearing upon the crime of piracy, and that the jurisdiction assumed by the United States would override the local jurisdiction. He therefore dismissed the accused and the complainant made no further move to continue the prosecution. There was no political signification attached to the case whatever, the provocation and assault being altogether of a personal character. There was no excitement at the trial.

Judge Lynch.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE VIRGINIAN.]

NEW YORK, April 2.—A special from Winchester (Ky.) says: Ben Johnson, a young negro, arrested on Wednesday for an attempt at outrage on a respectable young lady, had an examining trial yesterday, and held to answer to the Circuit Court and sent to jail. He had caught the bridle of the young lady's horse at a lonely place along the road and made desperate efforts to get her off the horse, but she struck him with her whip and escaped. It was with difficulty the negro was taken to jail. About 1 o'clock this morning a crowd of thirty armed men overpowered the guard at the jail, took Johnson, and after trying in vain to get a confession from him, hung him to a tree in the jail yard, where his body was found this morning.

A Table of the mortality in the City of Norfolk for the years 1878 & 1879, with meteorological data

Months	Rainfall inches		Relative Humidity 1878			1879			Thermometer 1878			1879			Barometer 1878			1879			Winds, Prevailing Direction	
	1878	1879	mean	Min	Range	mean	Min	Range	max	Min	Range	max	Min	Range	max	Min	Range	max	Min	Range	1878	1879
January	6.02	3.26	77.6	40.7	56.3	71.5	32.	68.	62°	18°	44°	71°	8°	63°	30.72	29.38	1.34	30.57	29.40	1.16	N	NW + SW
February	2.06	2.75	76.0	32.	68.0	62.7	45.3	54.7	70°	20°	41°	70°	22°	48°	30.34	29.44	0.89	30.71	29.60	1.11	N	NE
March	1.21	4.29	67.2	27.	73.	71.2	47.	46.	78°	30°	48°	79°	29°	50°	30.47	29.25	1.21	30.78	29.35	1.38	S	NE
April	4.52	2.15	69.7	25.	75.	71.2	47.	46.	86°	42°	41°	86°	28°	58°	30.25	29.33	0.92	30.45	29.48	0.96	SW	SW
May	6.01	2.48	68.6	26.	74	67.3	31.	69.	89°	44°	45°	96°	48°	48°	30.24	29.67	0.57	30.48	29.79	0.64	S	S + NE
June	5.13	2.57	68.9	53.	45.	60.3	28.	72	97°	56°	41°	96°	55°	41°	30.20	29.57	0.62	30.30	29.61	0.68	S	SW
July	2.02	3.90	67.6	39.	61.	67.4	28.	67.	101°	66°	35°	102°	61°	41°	30.20	29.67	0.63	30.33	29.63	0.70	SW	SW
August	9.95	7.70	75.4	62.3	31.	74.3	42.	58.	98°	63°	35°	96°	60°	36	30.19	29.73	0.45	30.26	29.24	1.01	S	SW
September	2.25	3.77	79.4	56.	56	66.9	40	60	93°	57°	36°	90°	51°	39°	30.40	29.72	0.72	30.42	29.80	0.59	NE	NE
October	5.03	0.42	76.1	60.	70	74.4	32	68	81°	43°	38°	87°	57°	56	30.39	29.55	1.04	30.70	29.63	1.13	NE	S
November	3.13	0.25	73.8	37.	63.	63.7	28.	72.	71°	34°	37°	80°	21°	59°	30.50	29.10	1.40	30.59	29.65	0.98	SW	S
December	4.58	2.34	72.2	55.	45.	76.2	34.	66	65°	18°	47°	78°	29°	44°	30.53	28.89	1.65	30.58	29.70	0.88	W	S
Total.	51.87	35.86	An. mean 72.1			An. mean 68.9					Mean Range 48.6			Mean Range 48.0			Mean Range 0.94			Mean Range 0.92		

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January	23	32	27	34	11	14	16	14	14	17	18	17	3	4	4	7	3	8	3	3	4	6	7	11				1				1
February	16	23	23	33	10	9	6	10	17	11	9	19	1	3	6	6	3	4	6	8	5	3	6	5		1		1	1	1	1	1
March	19	28	17	29	15	12	7	18	10	6	9	21	4	2	4	3	2	5	1	6	3	5	5	11	2			1				
April	18	23	18	38	11	13	4	11	8	9	12	19	3	3	3	5	2	2	3	10	1	5	2	4	1			1				
May	16	31	20	29	7	19	5	17	11	9	16	13	3	12	7	6	1	3	4	6	1	3	1	3					3	5	2	
June	12	17	45	49	5	3	7	9	28	20	22	24	6	8	18	23		1	6	9	5	4	3	1				2	5	1	10	
July	16	25	27	59	4	7	12	14	21	17	15	33	7	4	14	34	2		4	7	1	4	1	3					3	2	8	
August	16	24	31	42	6	11	7	15	16	15	12	30	7	12	19	18	0	4	4	7	3	4	2	1				1		4	3	3
September	28	23	27	33	9	12	8	19	16	8	12	24	8	11	10	16	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	1	1		5	5	6	
October	17	16	31	21	8	7	7	11	11	17	12	12	4	4	14	8	2	2	3	4				1		2	3	3	1		3	
November	18	25	32	33	7	11	6	19	21	15	11	18	5	6	8	9	2	3	4	3	1	4	5	9			2	2	1	2	1	
December	15	25	27	37	13	8	9	10	10	14	19	21	1	5	7	9	1	5	3	3	5	10	1	9		1	4	1		1	3	
Total.	209 (504)	295 (784)	325 (784)	429	106	126	94	167	173	158	162	250	52	72	114	142	19	39	43	67	31	51	34	61	5	5	9	11	23	20	38	
	Still born 15		Still born 13	15	Deaths in Almshouse not included in the above returns																											

Months	Deaths from Diphtheria & Croup 1878			1879				Deaths from Diarrhoea Dysentery Cholera & Infantile 1878			1879			
	W	C	W	C				W	C	W	C			
January				1										1
February					1			1		1		1		
March	2						1							
April	1						1							
May												3	5	2
June							2	5		1	10			
July												3	2	8
August				1								4	3	3
September	2	1	1					5		5	6			
October			2	3	3	1		3						
November				2	2	1	2	1						
December			1	4	1		1	3						
Total.	3	1	4	11	7	1	4	12		6	16	7	5	13

Population in 1870. Whites 10.462 – The rate of 4 per ct increase for whites to 1879 would give 14.392
Colored 8.767 " " " 3 " " " Colored " " 11.301
Total 19.229 These reasonable rates of increase to 1879 total 26193

The death rate in Norfolk had been steadily decreasing from 1875 to 1878. The remarkable increase in the No of deaths in 1879, called for investigation. By these tables it will be seen that tho' there was a marked increase of death among the whites also, still the ratio for the year is not excessive; while that of the negro population corresponds very nearly with what is observed in other Southern Cities, and in the Dist of Columbia.

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who is also Coroner
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The negro population mostly resides in the 4th and part of the 1st and 3d wards. their
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All attempts to trace any connection between the water supply and the increase
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	19	28	17	29	15	12	7	13	10	6	9	21	4	2	4	3	2	5	1	6	3	5	5	11
	18	23	18	38	11	13	4	11	8	9	12	19	3	3	3	5	2	2	3	10	1	5	2	4
	16	31	20	29	7	19	5	17	11	9	16	13	3	12	7	6	1	3	4	6	1	3	1	3
	12	17	45	49	5	3	7	9	28	20	22	24	6	8	18	23		1	6	9	5	4	3	1
	16	25	27	59	4	7	12	14	21	17	15	33	7	4	14	34	2		4	7	1	4	1	3
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	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W	C
				1			1	1				1			1	2	1		3	5	5	7		4				1	3	3	2	3	1	2	10	14	7	16
		1		1	1	1	1	1									1		5	3	5	4	3	5	1	3	1	3	1	1		1	1	3	7	8	6	10
	2			1							1				2				3	5	3	7	1	4	2	2	0	1			3		3	8	21	7	12
	1			1						1			2	2		1	1	5	2	4	5	8	2	4	1		1	1		1	1	7	5	4	7	15
					3	5	2			1			1	3	2	2		1		2	2	6	1	5		5	2	1		1	2	2	8	20	10	14
						2	5	1	10	12			1	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	2	3	6	5			3	4		2	3	3	6	5	21	31
					3	2	8	19			2	3	1	2	3	5	2	1	1	4		2	1	4		1		6		1	1	1	9	7	8	33
		1		1	4	3	3	10	1			2	1	4	3	5		1	2			1	3	3	2	3	1		1	1	3	1	1	9	17	11	31
	1		1		5	5	6	5				2	3	4	2	4			2		1	2	2	4	2			3	1			1	9	12	14	20
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Of these 4 Whites were under 5 years of age - and 117 Colored were under 5 years of age -
Health Officer, who is also Coroner, issued certificates to these after an investigation as to probable causes of death.

The negro population mostly resides in the 4th and part of the 1st and 3d wards - their houses are generally small and crowded, with all the conditions usually attending such a state of things, and their children poorly clad & cared for; hence the high death rate among them.

All attempts to trace any connection between the water supply and the increased mortality have signally failed - The introduction of City water in 1873 has been followed by diminished annual death rate until 1877. The estimated increase of population here made, is believed to be entirely within bounds. Some of our best observers are convinced, that an estimate based on 4 per Ct increase for all classes would approach nearer the truth. Such an estimate would give for 1879 a population of 27.000 + -

White population in 1879 estimated at 14892 - deaths 325; Ratio per 1000 - 21.8
Colored " " " " " 11301 - " 429; Ratio " " - 37.9
Total population " " " 26193 - " 754; Ratio " " 28.7
No of persons dying over 70 years of age 58.

The winter of 1878-79 was characterized by a very low temperature, the cold being at times excessive. It was followed by an unusually dry spring and summer, the drought extending from March till the middle of August, when there was a heavy rainfall, followed by another drought throughout the fall and winter - While the prevailing direction of the wind in May was S. yet there were frequent changes to the NE for a few hours -

No. 1574 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Lynchburgh Va

a/c —, 1880.

Walker Thos L
Pres. B.H.

Replies to Schedule of Questions rel. to name of B.H. & officers

Secy — 7

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DATE April 23,

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Schedule. ~~Lynchburg - Virginia~~

City or State.... Lynchburg Virginia
Name of Board.... Board of Health

Number of Members - Three (One for each ward)
Bounds within which its authority is exercised..... Corporate Limits except in case of infectious disease when authority extends three miles out on the Canal & railroads.
When organized In 1872
By whom is the Board elected?.... City Council

Names of officers and members..... Thos. L. Walker
Pres. (Robert S. Payne) Frank Spencer

How often does Board meet? once a month
Does the Board publish its reports? In local papers
Post office address. Lynchburg, Va.

Thos. L. Walker.
Pres't Bd Health.

Burial permits have been required ever since the organization of the Board of Health

No. 1598 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Petersburgh Va

Ap 20, 1880.

Robinson C. V.

Pres B. H.

Names of officers of B of H. &c

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Dr. J. J. Turner, Secy National Bd of Health,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 16th inst. Just received. You will find answers to your questions on opposite page. I would state that there has been a Board of Health here for some years, but there never was a regular organized Board until the year 1870, when the Common Council created a Bd with a paid office at its head. Now no pay is attached to it.

The Bd of Health of Petersburg is elected by the Common Council the 1st of July in each year.

The Municipal election of our City takes place next month and it would be impossible, at this time, to tell who will constitute the Board of Health after the 1st July next.

Yours most respectfully,

C. Robinson
Pres. Bd of H.

Schedule.

City ~~or State~~ Petersburg Va.

Name of Board.... Board of Health of the City of Petersburg Va.

Number of Members Seven

Bounds within which its authority is exercised.... No farther than the Corporate limits of Petersburg

When organized 1870

By whom is the Board, elected?.... By the Common Council of Petersburg Va.

Names of officers and members.....

C V. Robinson Pres: & Sec.

Wm E. Cameron Mayor.

Wm F Spotswood Chairman Common Council James Deaton Capt. Police. Drs Frank Patterson, W D Bayden and E. W. Gordon

How often does Board meet? Once every month last Friday

Does the Board publish its reports? No.

Post office address, 39 Union St Petersburg Va.

No. 1608 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va

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Cabell Dr J. G.
Ones. B. of H.

Names of officers
of B. of H. &c

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Schedule.

City or State.... Richmond Virginia
Name of Board.... Board of Health of the City of Richmond

Number of Members Three
Bounds within which its authority is exercised..... within the City limits

When organized 1868
By whom is the Board elected?...
By the Common Council of the City.

Names of officers and members.....
J. G. Caldwell M.D. President
Wm A Taylor M.D
J. D. Cunningham M.D

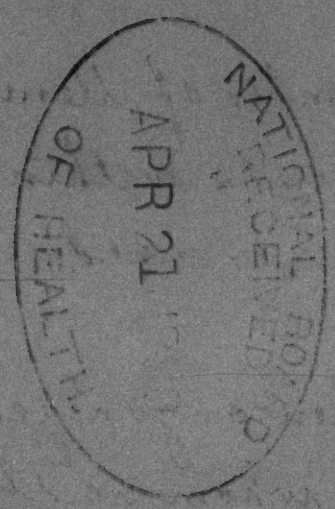
How often does Board meet?
Does the Board publish its reports?
Post office address

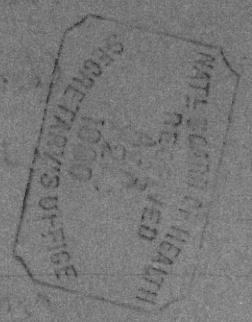
The Board has no stated times for meeting. The President is the Executive Officer, and calls meetings of the Board whenever in his opinion it is desirable. In all cases affecting private interests, as to the pursuit of industrial callings of which complaint is made, the board is convened. The Board is an advisory body to the City Council, and can only recommend measures, and ordinances. has no power to impose penalties. Weekly, monthly and annual reports are sent

lished, and distributed to the various cities of the Union.

The Post Office address is Richmond Virginia

Respectfully
J. L. Cabell M.D.
President





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No. 1615 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va

April , 1880.

Galt Dr Jas. D.
H.O.

Names of Officers
of B. of H.

Secy

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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Schedule.

City or State.... Norfolk. Va.
Name of Board.... Board of Health

Number of Members.... Five
Bounds within which its authority is exercised.... Limits of the City.
When organized Dont know exact date but many years ago.
By whom is the Board elected.... City Councils.

Names of officers and members.....

S. S. Keeling. M. D. President.
W. T. Sutton M D. Secty and Treasurer.
B. P. Loyall, A. S. Martin
I. N. Bell. } members.

How often does Board meet? Once a week
Does the Board publish a report? only as reported by the City press.
Post office address. Board of Health
Norfolk. Va.

Respectfully.

James D. Grait M.D.
Health Officer.

No. 1622 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va

Apl 19, 1880.

Galt Dr. Jas. D.

Sends forms for Registration

Enclosures filed with "Forms"

T.S. + Bull

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va

Apl 21, 1880.

Cabell Dr J.G.
Pres B.H.O

Forms of Registration,

V.S.
Filed with forms

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Office of the Board of Health,

Richmond, Va. April 21 1880

Secretary
Nat: Board of Health
Sir

Herewith enclosed you will find the forms requested

Respectfully
J. L. Cabell
Pres't B of H

No. 1718 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alexandria Va

Apr , 1880.

Stabler Dr E. a
H.O.

Names of officers
of B. of H. &c

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Schedule.

City or State.... Alexandria Virginia
Name of Board.... Board of Health of
Alexandria, Va
Number of Members Ten, & Health Officer
Bounds within which its authority
is exercised..... City limits of Alexa

When organized, About 1800
By whom was the Board elected?...

By the City Council

Names of officers and members..... E. A. Stables,
Health Officer; J. N. Duvall, Secretary;
S. H. Janney; C. H. Robinson; Geo Washington;
W. P. Graves; M. Bozzart; C. Nugent; John
Harlow; C. T. Ervin; R. C. Lee

How often does Board meet? When called by Pres't.
Does the Board publish its reports? No.
Post office address Alexa Va
Board of Health.

The board have no control of
funds and are advisory rather
than executive

E. A. Stables M. D.
Health Officer.

No. 1770 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va

Apr 23, 1880.

Cabell Dr J. G.
Pres. B. H.

Rel to publications
of V.S.
Wish to know if
tables of mortality
such as contained
in Bul. of Mch 6
will be published
in future numbers of
Bul.
Asks an early answer.

Secy
ans

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
LAB, 6 P. M.
R 24 1880
OF HEALTH.

Office of the Board of Health,

Richmond, Va. April 23 1880

Dear Sir

I have herein published in my Annual report, two tables giving certain Vital Statistics, one for American, and one for foreign cities. I have sent circulars to most of the cities in this country but many have failed to respond

I was much pleased to find in your Bulletin for March 6, a "Table of Mortality for the year 1879" I have examined all the numbers which I have since received, but find no additional information. I hope that you will continue to publish such statistics. By this time you will probably be able to publish a table giving the vital statistics of the principal cities in Foreign Countries. There is a general interest in the Community to obtain this information.

Herein I have relied upon the kindness of Dr Nagle of New York, in the preparation of such tables - but your facilities for receiving information surpass his

Be kind enough to let me know if I can expect

a continuance of such publications.

As my report will in a very short time be sent to the Printer, may I not ask an early answer

Very Respectfully

J. G. Cabell

Pres't Board of Health

Secretary
Nat'l Board of Health
Washington D.C.

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Portsmouth Va

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Butt Dr. F.
H.O.

Names of officers
of B. of H.

Confined.

Sec'y List

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
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Schedule.

City or State.... City of Portsmouth - Virginia
Name of Board.... Board of Health of City of Portsmouth

Number of Members = Five

Bounds within which its Powers are exercised..... City of Portsmouth

When organized 1856

By whom is the Board elected? Common Council of City of Portsmouth

Names of officers and members

B. H. Owens, President
A. M. Tabb
Wm. H. Hughes
Wm. Ives
Jas. W. Alexander
N. F. Bush M. D. Health Officer
Edward Kearns, Sanitary Inspector

How often does Board meet? From April to November once in each week & balance of time once in two weeks

Does the Board publish its Reports? In the daily Papers

Post office address Portsmouth Va

N. F. Bush. M.D.
H.O.

No. 1981 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va
Governor's Office
May 3, 1880.

Halliday Gov. F.W.M.

Rel. to secession
& State of Va of
Sewells Point to
U.S. for use by N.B.H.

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Commonwealth of Virginia

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Richmond, Va May 3. 1888

Hon. J. L. Caldwell

My dear Sir.

Yours
ler. I think the point
by no means certain. But
I have examined the Bill which
did not reach me in time for
my signature. The pursuit is
The Governor of the State is au-
thorized and empowered to
convey to the United States the
said title with Fitzhugh Point
&c.) and to cede to the United
States jurisdiction over the same
provided that the land ceded

and conveyed deed not contain here
Trans ~~fers~~ cers.

How do you see this in
a question for the U.S. authorities.
If the Law-Officer or Officers of the Court
are willing to take any grant of
Probate, under the circumstances,
I will convey. I certainly have
no objection whatever, and will cheer-
fully carry out its provisions. Would it
be any protection to do so.

The deeds in case of
this sort are usually prepared
by the U.S. Legal Officer. Should
it be necessary, you can see if
he will accept such title as I
can give under the circumstances.

Yours truly

Boards
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Chas. W. Holliday

No. 2042 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va

May 6, 1880.

Galt Dr Jas. D.
H.O.

Rel. to Registration
of Births.

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OF HEALTH.

Norfolk Va May 6. 1880.

Dr Thos I. Turner.
Secty Nat. Board of Health.

Dear Sir.

I notice in the Bulletin of Saturday, 1st inst that I inadvertently neglected to state what provision was made in this city for the Registration of Births and hasten to supply the omission.

There is in fact no provision made by the city by Certificate or otherwise for a Registration of Births. Such registration is however made by the State Assessor under the State Law. In order to accomplish this he is compelled to canvass the whole City going from house to house thus calling upon every family of each year On the 1st days of ~~each~~ December he makes his return thus obtained of the Births during the preceding twelve months to the State Auditor at Richmond and it is a copy of this return received through the Board of Health that the Mayor embodies in his annual

message to the Councils.

Hoping that this explanation may prove satisfactory I remain dear Sir as ever

Yours truly

James D. Lynch. M.D.

Health Officer.

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No. 2141 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salem Fauquier
Fauquier Co. Va
May 14, 1880.

Horner Dr. Fred'k Jr.

Rel. to Intemperance as a fruitful source of injury to the Public Health

Ex. Com'ee May 18
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Dr G. A. Turner M.D. U.S. Navy.

My Dear Sir,

I have the Honor to report that during the late months of March and April when the weather was cold and high East winds prevailed, we have had Endemic Influenza marked by nervous and gastric disorder and fever. A very large number of individuals of advanced age during the time have died suddenly with symptoms of Congestion of the Lungs and Brain. Intemperance is here a prominent cause of disease due to the fact that the State Legislature and Courts Encourage the Sale of ardent Spirits and the issue of license to all who apply. At every cross road of the Country small groceries have a Bar room and the farmers adore whiskey to their detriment. This great Evil which national legislation has restricted in the Army and Navy services has become a serious injury to the health and prosperity of the community notwithstanding the remonstrance of the President of the State Board of Health Dr R. L. Cabell. The Statistics of the jails penitentiary and Hospitals for the Insane in Virginia will prove the correctness of the above statement - showing that a large proportion of the crimes and maladies of their victims can be traced to Intemperance.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt,

Frederick Horner Jr
Retired P.A. Surgeon U.S.N.

Solem Sanguier
Sanguier County
Va

May 14, 1880.

No. 2602 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Richmond Va

June 19 , 188 .

Cabell Dr J G.

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Rel. to investigation of adulteration under charge of Dr Chas. Smart.

Ft. Comm[ll]

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH
JUN 22 1880

Office Board of Health,

Richmond, Va. June 14 1880

Dr J. J. Turner
Secy National Board of Health

Dear Sir

Your communication of June 8th was duly received & referred to Dr Wm H Taylor a member of this Board. I enclose his reply received a few days since. I regret that I can not afford any information on the subject of Dr Smith's circular

Very Respectfully
J. L. Caldwell
Pres't B of H.

No. 3223 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va

Aug 2, 1880.

Nash H. M

States he has no
Inspections to report
for wk endg July 31
Quar. barge will
be ready tomorrow.

Secy. LB y p. 554.
N. H.
O.K. TL
4 ans[k]

AUG -4 1880
OF HEALTH.

Residence,
Cor. Freemason & Duke Sts.

Dr. Herbert M. Nash,

Office,
Main St.
OFFICE HOURS, { 9 to 10 A.M. / 2 to 3 P.M. / 6 to 8 P.M.

Dr J. J. Turner Norfolk, Va. Augt 2d 1880.
Secty National Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I have no inspections to report for the week ending July 31st Usually, there are from one to three west Indian Steamers entering this port during the months of May June July - their absence this summer is said to be owing to the low price paid for sugar freights, which have been shipt by Sailing vessels mostly - the Coasting trade has also been unusually small -
The Quarantine Barge will be ready tomorrow, most of the furniture is on Board - I think she will answer the purpose admirably

very truly
H M Nash
Asst Med Officer
Port Health Officer

No. 3352 "State Reports"
3337
3458

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Orkney Springs Va

Aug 10, 1880.

Chancellor D^r C. W.

States he has this day (10th) forwarded by Express his "Report upon the Sanitary Condition and Needs of Baltimore"

Please ack. receipt.

Copy to Exhibit 9/27/80
Ex. Com Q
Ackd. Sec 3357
12 L.B. 71 p. 643

SEASON FOR 1880
OPENS JUNE 15.

JONES & PARKER, Proprietors.

Orkney Springs, Va.,

Augt 10th 1880

Dear Doctor Turner.

I have this day forwarded by express my Report upon the Sanitary Condition & needs of Baltimore, which I hope will go safely to hand & Please acknowledge receipt & oblige

Yours truly
C. H. Chancellor

Dr J. J. Turner U. S. N
Secy N B of H.

No. 3551 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk, Va

Aug 26 ,1880.

Galt James D. M.D.
Health Officer

Asks for copy of latest form of bill of health required for vessel leaving above port, that he may use it in getting up a similar form for his own use.

Ans & send LB 7 p 747.

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AUG 27 1880
BOARD OF HEALTH.

Norfolk. Va. Aug 26. 1880.

Dr Thos S. Turner.

Secty Nat. Bd of Hlth.

Dear Sir.

Will you please send me your latest form of a Clean Bill of Health. such as would be required by a vessel leaving this Port for Foreign Countries. I wish to use it in getting up a similar form for my own use.

Yours truly.

James D. Galt. MD.

Health Officer.

No. 3678 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salem Fauquier Va

Sept 4 , 1880.

Horner Fred'k L Jr

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Reports prevalence of a fatal form of Diphtheria

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NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH. SEP -6 1880 RECEIVED

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To
Dr J. J. Turner U.S.N.
Sec'y National Bd of Health

Salem Rangoon Va
Nov 11

For several months past there has been prevalent in this Community a fatal form of Diptheria among white and Colored children occupying tenement houses with floorings near the earth and defective in drainage, the drinking water used is from wells that are never cleansed of accumulations of filth.

The disease is marked by enormous swelling of the throat Edema of the Larynx and rapid prostration. No treatment has availed

to save patients who
have this form of the
Disease.

I have the Honor
To be
very Respectfully
your obt. Sert

Frederick Horner Jr.

Salem Jail yard
Sept 14 1880.

No. 3728 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Fairfax Court House Va

Sept 2, 1880.

Dorsey D. R. W.
Corres.

Report of Correspondent

Bulletin.

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SEP -8
OF HEALTH.

NOTED IN
BULLETIN.
DATE Sept. 9.

Fairfax C. H. Va -
2nd Sept. 1880.

Sir.

I have the honor to state that during the months of May. June and the first two weeks in July. there were in this county a great number of cases of Cholera Infantum. most of which were fatal.

There were also some cases of Cholera Morbus among adults resulting from errors in diet. but as far as I have been informed, none of the latter proved fatal.

During the last two weeks in July and during August the general health has been good.

One case of Typho-malarial
Fever is reported at present in
Vienna, five miles north of
this on the W. & O. R. R.
There were a number of cases
there last year, several of which
proved fatal. one member of the
family dying. in which the
disease is now prevailing.
The village is very badly located.
most of the houses being built
on swampy land. In many
cases. I should say from obser-
vation. there is very little attention
paid to sanitation by the people
of the village.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant.
R. W. Dorsey. M. D.

Dr. J. J. Turner. U. S. N.
Washington. D. C.

No. 4015 "State Reports."

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Lynchburgh Va.

Sept 24, 1880.

Walker Thos. L.

Reply to Circular of 23rd.
Rel. to mortality returns

If cards are sent will
try to fill in the dates
necessary to make
complete file

✓ LB 157.
aek - V.H.
Sent - Sept. 25

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SEP 25 1880
BOARD OF HEALTH.

Office of Bd of Health
Lynchburg Sept 24: 80

Dear Sir

Up to the time weekly reports were forwarded to you we had only monthly reports made to this office. By referring to the burial permits I may be able to return such reports as you ask, to commencing May 3d 1880. If practicable I will take pleasure in complying with your request upon receipt of the necessary postal cards.

Yr. truly & Respectfully
Thos. L Walker
Pres Bd of Hy

J. O Timms M D
Sec. M. B, Hy

No. 4227 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Board of Health
Lynchburg, Va.
Oct 5, 1880

Walker, Thos. L.
Pres't. Bd of Health
Relative to sending
back mortality reports.

LB 5 p 248,

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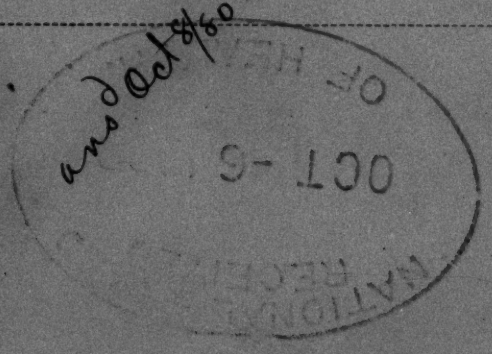

Office Bd of Health
Lynchburg
Oct 5th 1880

J. J. Turner
Sec. N. Bd Health
Washington

Dear Sir

When I replied to yours asking back reports from Dec to March 80 I thought I would be able to recover the burnt permits which had been placed in the hands of the Census Enumerators to facilitate their work. Ever since then my Endeavours to recover them has failed & the person having most in possession has left without returning them or telling me how where to find him. Till we send you weekly reports none but monthly reports were made to this office from which I cant make weekly reports. I can send you the monthly if you desire it. I will

Return

Your postals or retain them for future use as you may prefer.

Yr. very Respectfully

Thos. L. Walker

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No. 4665"
~~4635~~ State Reports

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Portsmouth Va

Nov 13, 1880.

Murdaugh W.H.

Rel. to case of the Selden — recommends that two men be put in charge of her when she is to be moved in the stream.

Ex Com LB 8 p 606

15. and Nov 20/80

NOV 5
HEALTH.

Portsmouth Va.
Nov. 13th 1880

Dr. J. L. Turner U.S.N.
Secretary National Board of Health. Washington
Sir

In reply to your communication of the 12th inst. (No 4635) I would state that supposing the "Selden" would remain in a Slip at the Navy Yard for the winter, when she would at all times be under the eyes of the watchmen and Sentries of the Yard, I recommended that one man be employed to take charge of her. But inasmuch as the vessel cannot remain at the Yard, and will have to lie out in the stream, it would seem to me prudent that two men should be employed to take care of her. It would not do to leave the vessel even for the briefest interval of time without someone to guard the property on board and it is hardly to be supposed that one man could remain on board all the time. Any arrangement though that may meet the approval of the Board will have our hearty ~~consideration~~ concurrence.

(over)

Very Respectfully
W. H. Murtaugh
Pris. Dua. Com.

No. 4791 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Petersburgh Va.
Health Office
Nov. 29. ,1880.

Robinson C.E. Presᵗ
39 Union St.

Wants Rules & Regs
of N.B.H.

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Secy LB & p 649
Ackᵍ Rules sent
Buls. 46. 50. 51. 46 Pamphlets.

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OF HEALTH.

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Health Office, City of Petersburg,

39 UNION STREET.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 29th 1880

Dr. J. J. Turner Sec. Natl Board of Health.

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to furnish me with a copy of the laws, rules and regulations under which the National Board of Health are governed?

Very respectfully,

C. A. Robinsson,

Pres't Board of H.

Pitersburg Va.

No. 5100 "State Reports"

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Univ. of Va.

Jan 5 ,1880.

Mallett J.W.

Sends article for Bulletin (A) rel. to specimens of suspected water for analysis

Also send article (B) instructions for collecting specimens & shipping same — Wants 200 or 300 copies of Bulletin containing this — Wants proof to read — Accts of self — &c &c &c &c &c.

6 Ex. Com.
Secy —
Bulletin —

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Jan. 5. 1880

Dr. T. J. Turner, U.S.N.
Sec'y, National Board of Health
Washington — D.C.

Dear Sir

I send you, herewith enclosed, M.S. of the paragraphs for Board of Health "Bulletin" in regard to Specimens of water for analysis — marked in pencil (A) — (marked B) also M.S. for a slip to be separately printed, of instructions for collecting and shipping the specimens. I would like to have 200 or 300 copies of the latter. Perhaps it would be well to send me proof of each, for correction if necessary —

I also enclose duplicate accounts for travelling expenses and per diem, including under the latter head all work done in —

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during the last month — These accounts are furnished in duplicate, and are, I suppose, in proper form — if not, please return them for correction.

Will you please send for the following papers in addition to those you have already ordered

R. Emmerich — Die Einwirkung verunreinigten Wassers auf die Gesundheit —— in Zeitschrift für Biologie (München, 1878) — XIV — 563–603.

and

a paper by Schulze (title unknown) in Dingl. polyt. Journal, 128: 197

Through whom can the other books and papers ordered, and when may we expect them?

I send Dr Lincoln his memorandums of instructions, and certain specimens by birds, by same mail with this —

I am, dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

J. W. Mallet

for "Bulletin". (A) 1st Article, B. No-29.

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Chemical Examination of Drinking Water.) Brev. Italics caps
[Request for specimens of suspected water.]) — Nonp. sm. caps

A careful study of the chief methods in use for the chemical examination of potable water, so far as organic matter is concerned, has been undertaken by order of the National Board of Health.

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Dr. J. W. Mallet
University of Virginia Va. Post Office.
Albemarle Co. Va.

with a few lines stating clearly the medical nature of the case, and the character of the evidence on which the water in question is suspected of having actually caused disease in persons who have used it.

It is further desired that a sample of such water be forwarded for examination, but not until notice has been received from Dr. Mallet that the analysts are ready to proceed with it, since it is important that no needless delay should occur between the shipping of the sample and its investigation in the Laboratory. In notifying anyone who may be able to furnish specimens of suspected waters that they may be forwarded, clear instructions will be sent as to the quantity of water required, and the mode of collecting,

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packing and shipping it.

It is particularly desired that no cases be presented on doubtful or vague evidence, since one important object of the inquiry demands that all such be rejected, and only those cases examined which involve the strongest grounds for believing that mischief has really been caused by organically foul drinking water.

The cost of packages and transportation for samples will be borne by the Board of Health.

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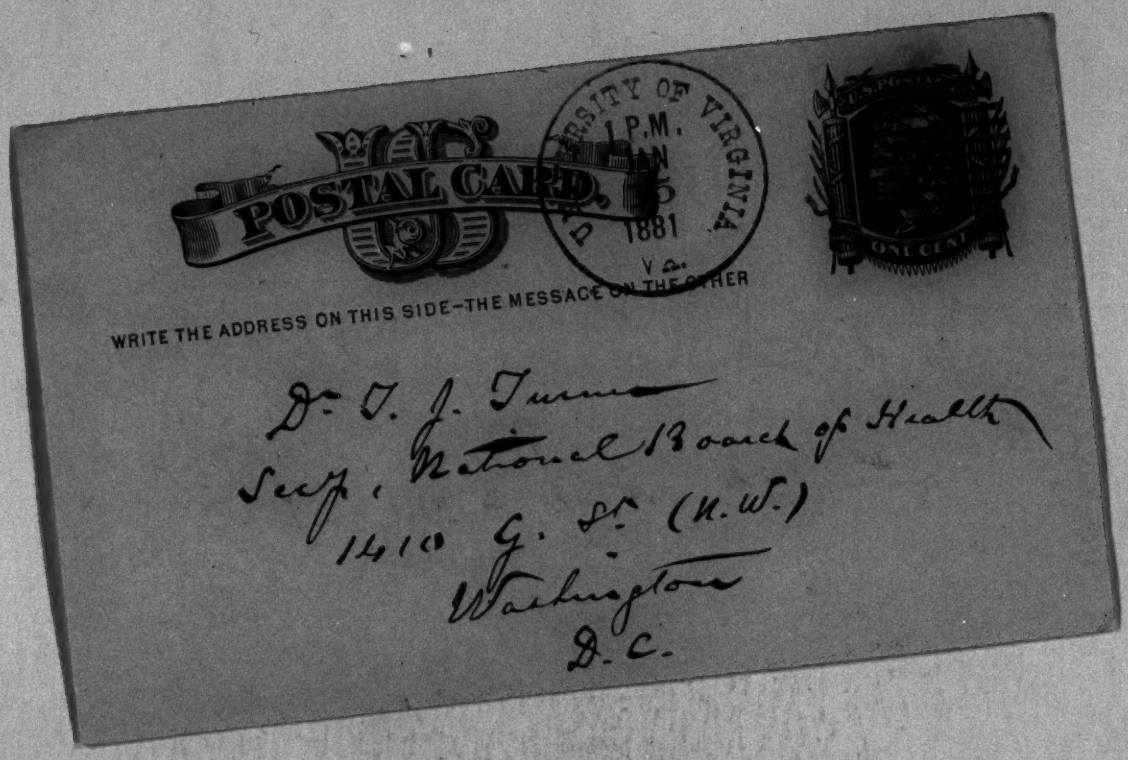
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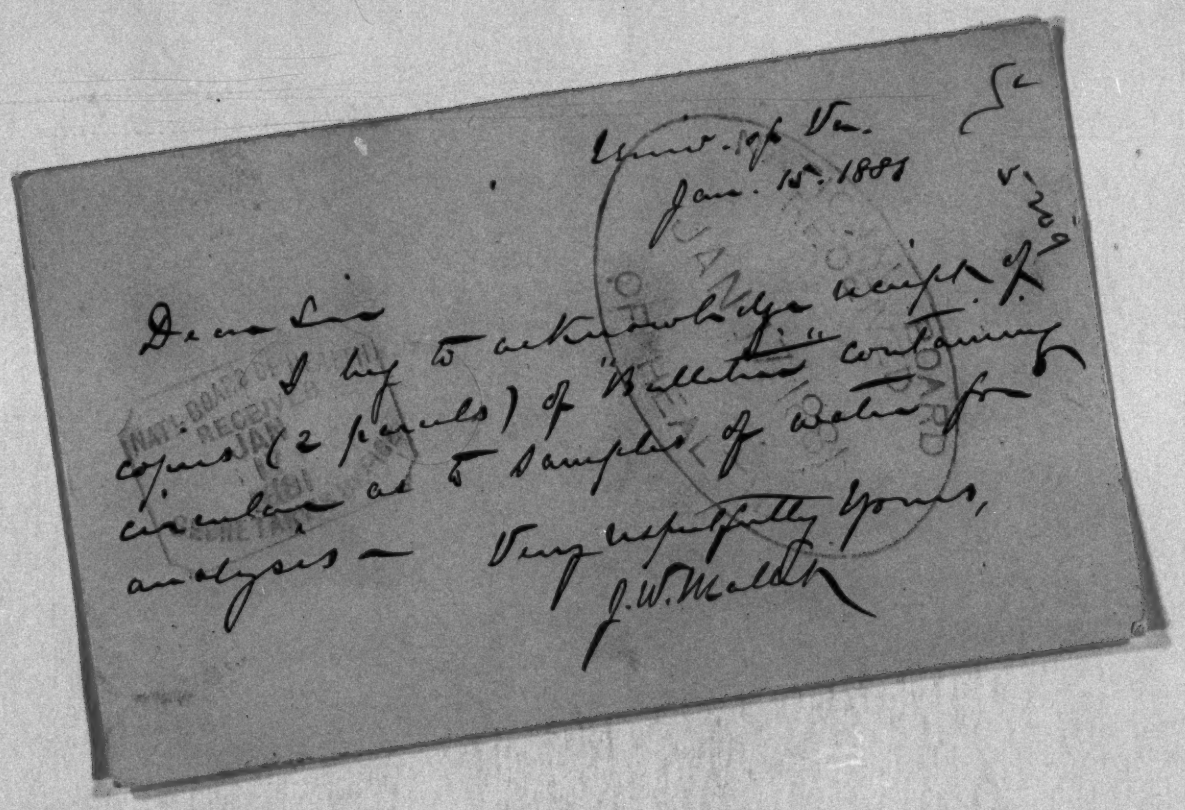

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Jan. 15. 1881

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your copies (2 parcels) of "Bulletin" containing circulars and 5 samples of Water for analyses — Very respectfully Yours,

J. W. Mallet

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Mallet Prof J.W.

Ack'g recipt of books on Water Analyses circulars &c.

Calls attention to error in article in Bulletin asking for specimens of suspected water for analysis

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[REQUEST FOR SPECIMENS OF SUSPECTED WATER.]

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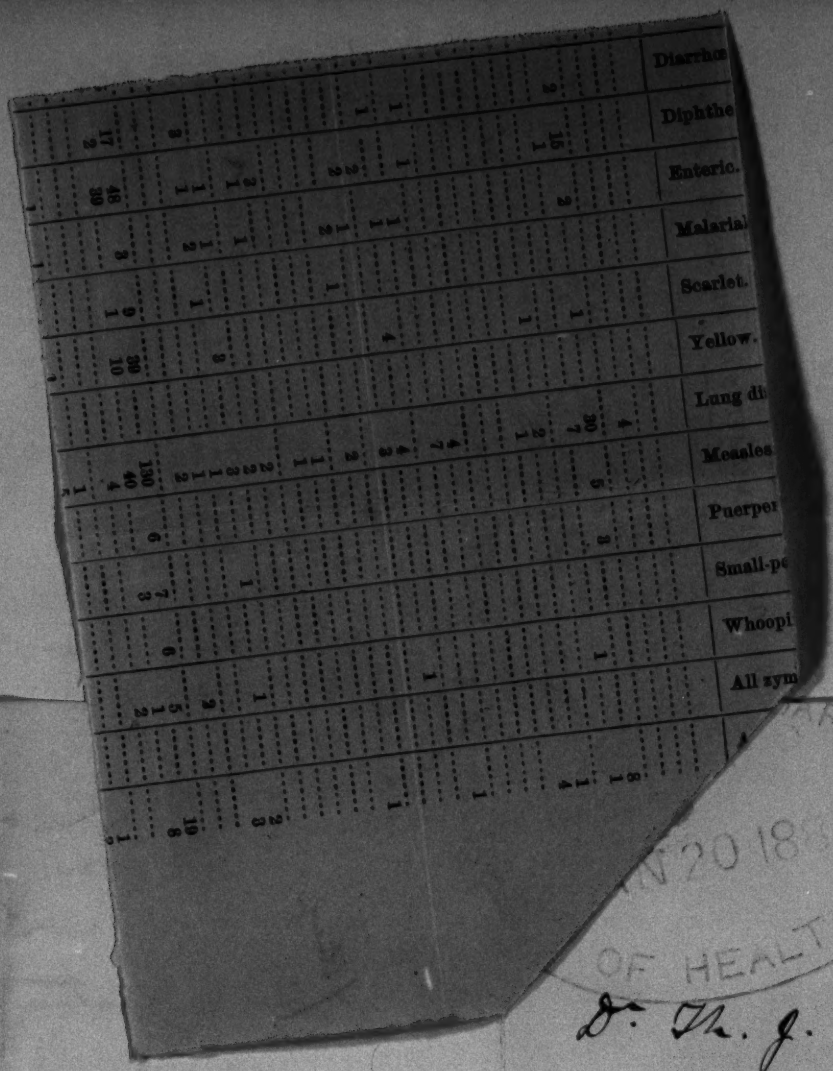

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Washington -

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your attention to one little typographical error in it which renders a sentence obscure—

I am, dear Sir,

Faithfully Yours,

J. W. Walker

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Mallet Prof. J.W.

Rel. to admission thro
custom House at New York
of apparatus, from London,
for water analysis.
Wants stationery

Asks that circular rel.
to sending specimens
of suspected water be
kept in Bulletin for
some time.

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Dr. J. J. Turner, U.S.A.
Sec'y. National Board of Health
Washington — D.C.

Dear Sir

There will be two lots of apparatus to come from London for use in the water analysis investigations by Dr. Southworth at Baltimore — Have you any special form of application for admission duty free, analogous to the form used by incorporated Colleges, &c? If so, please send me two copies (for the two separate importations) properly filled up, so that they may be in the hands of Wetherill & Co. of New York, to whom the goods will be consigned, before the latter arrive — If you

have no such forms, please direct me how to proceed to avoid payment of duty.

I continue to receive a good many letters in regard to suspected waters for analysis. Please send me some government franked envelopes (long official size, as well as ordinary size for letters), and some ruled paper, as the use of the latter may serve to place the investigation more visibly under the sanction of the Board of Health.

I think it will be well to keep the circular as to water samples standing for some time to come in the "Bulletin".

I am, dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

J. W. Mallet

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Mallet Prof J.W.

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Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of two parcels stationary and blank forms by mail —

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. W. Mallet

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Portsmouth, Va.

Febry 7, 1881.

Murdaugh W.H.
Pres. Bd Quar. Com.rs

Ack. com of the 18th ult.
Has furnished new
bucts for the tug "Martha
Helen"
Checks of Neely &
Rosen delivered.
States he has resigned
his position as member
of the Bd of Quar and
Com.rs & should hereafter
be address to B.C. Loyall
Secy of the Bd Norfolk Va.

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Portsmouth Va.
Feb. 7th 1881

Dr. J. L. Turner U.S.N.
Secretary National Board of Health
Washington D.C.

Sir

In consequence of my absence from the District I have not been able sooner to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 18th ult.

I have forwarded new bills for the Tug "Martha Helen" to be signed by H. E. Culpepper in person. They will I presume be forwarded to you in a few days.

The checks for R. L. & W. Selby and John L. Roper & Co. have been delivered to those parties.

Very Respectfully
W. A. Maudaugh
Pas. Bd. Qua Comm.

Portsmouth Va.
Feb. 7th 1881

Dr. J. L. Turner U.S.N.
Secretary National Board of Health.
Washington D.C.

Sir

Having resigned the position of Member of the ~~Quarantine~~ Board of Quarantine Commissioners for Elizabeth River District. I would respectfully request that any communications for the Board be addressed to Capt. B. P. Loyall Secretary of the Board Norfolk Va.

Very Respectfully
W. F. Murdaugh

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Feby 12, 1881.

Mallet Prof J.W.

Ackg receipt of comn of 11 with enclosures to Lazell Marsh & Gardiner.

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Dear Sir

Your letter of [illegible] to Messrs. Lazell, Marsh & Gardiner, with enclosure, is received and forwarded.

Very respectfully Yours,
J. W. Mallet

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No. 5490 "State Reports"

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Norfolk Va
(Hospital Shts. "Selden")
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Kennedy C.H.

Reports loss of the
rudder of "Selden"
can be recovered
at an expense of
five dollars.
Checks for pay
not yet come to hand
Feb 19/81 authorized to expend
the amt stated.

L.B. Seagrave, 300

C. C.

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N. S. Selden
Norfolk Va
Feb. 16th 1881

Medical Director
J. J. Turner. U.S.N.
Sec. Nat. Board of Health
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to report the loss of the Selden's rudder. The iron strap that bound it to the stern-post (weakened by use and rust) gave way and the rudder sunk to the bottom of the river. A man has offered to find & recover it, on the payment of five dollars As the Barge is propelled by neither sails, steam, nor oars, the loss is of little importance, except in passing through the "draw" of a bridge.

As the place of the Rudder, on the bottom, must be found before recovery can be attempted even, the Diver offered to find recover, and put it on board of the Barge, is little enough.

I have not heard that any appointment has been made in Capt Mundaugh's place

The checks for pay have not yet come to hand.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. H Kennedy
Condg.

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